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CITIZENSHIP
EDITORIALWINS TOP HONORS
FOR PENNSYLVANIAN

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Editorial Views Of the Times

Today's Youth: Tomorrow's Citizens

(Editor's Note: The following editorial was written by teenager Barbara J. Zink, of 2030 Glendale Ave. Here she tries to "tell the other side of the story" so to speak. The Times, as always, is eager to help the youth of today and this we feel can be best done by allowing them to express themselves.)

Suppose you walked up to someone on the street and asked him for an opinion of today's teenager, I can almost guarantee you he would raise an eyebrow, eye you with skepticism and voice a derogatory comment with a note of disgust.

Newspaper headlines across the nation cry out about the evil which seems to be plaguing youth in our generation, and a steady flow of subtle talk can be heard among adults claiming that the world is "going to the dogs."

Now just for a little while, let's stop making excuses, criticizing and searching for solutions—instead let's turn our attention to a different aspect. We've just spoken about today's youth as "society's liability"; now let's look at some assets.

If you stop and notice, there are many, many teenagers who have devoted perhaps a small, but very important part of their lives to doing something for others.

Hospitals are aided by volunteer workers in small tasks which save important time for nurses and other personnel. Many young people spend summers in camps counseling and working with children in recreational programs. They actively support the campaigns, drives and clubs sponsored by their schools. Churches depend on young people to spread their messages

and carry on their convictions. Each day many teenagers contribute a few hours of service which make up a vital part of our society.

You may ask, "Why do they do it? Why are they interested, when others seem so unconcerned?" I think that we can find three basic reasons to account for their actions:

Personal satisfaction is one of the strongest motivations. Young people are helping themselves as much as they help others. They are building a strong character, developing their individual talents, training their minds along the right channels, and learning to work and share with others; all of these things will benefit them in the future.


A second reason may be found in the fact that they are carrying on a tradition upon which this country was founded. They are bearing a proud heritage which requires man to aid his fellow-man in order that freedom may prevail. If we are to maintain world peace, we must depend on the judgment and dedication of our youth.

The third, and perhaps most essential reason for many, is that they are serving God. The idea of helping themselves or helping their country seems rather shallow without the inspiration of strong Christian principles. God living within a person seems to give an essence to his acts—a special exuberance to everything he does.

These young people are stimulated to do that which is pleasing in God's sight, for how much greater will God's reward be than man's!

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BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

A black and white portrait of a middle-aged man with glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket, a light-colored shirt, and a dark tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a plain, light color.

And therein lies the dynamic of Christian Endeavor. And that is the need for this day, in this eighty-fifth year of Christian Endeavor. There can be others like that group in the "Roaring Twenties." Your prayer support, your resources, your direct involvement—all are needed. God has prospered this movement for eight decades. He counts on you to do your part in keeping it going.

The 1965 Albert H. Diebold Awards

MEET THE CITIZENSHIP WINNERS

The winning individuals and societies in Christian Endeavor's 1965 Citizenship Awards Program will be honored during the 48th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Dallas, Texas, according to announcement by Rev. Christian A. Tirre, citizenship director of the International Society.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards will be presented to the winners on Saturday night, July 10, at the closing session of the convention. Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Union, will speak.

In the Awards Program individual winners entered an article, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photograph, or cartoon. Entries were judged on the basis of originality, excellence of literary or art form used, the manner in which they implemented the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and Christian witness to the community. Entries had to be developed, written, or released after May 31, 1964. Each

winning individual will receive a cash award as shown, plus a special award emblem. The top three winners will also receive a grant as listed toward expenses of attending full time the Dallas Convention. Honor certificates will be presented to all other qualified entrants.

Society winners sponsored and reported a completed Christian citizenship activity begun after May 31, 1964. Each activity was evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, the manner in which it implemented the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and Christian witness to the community. Each of the winning societies will receive an attractive plaque, in addition to cash awards as shown. Grants as indicated toward expenses of one or more youth representatives (who must be members of the award winning society) to attend full time the Dallas Convention will also be given to the top three groups. Other qualified entrants will receive honor certificates.

FIRST AWARD-INDIVIDUALS

\$125 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$100) for the expenses of attending the International Convention in Dallas

Barbara Jane Zink, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

For her editorial *Today's Youth: Tomorrow's Citizens*

Miss Zink, who is 15 years old, is an active Christian Endeavorer at Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church. Her editorial, reprinted on the cover of this issue, appeared in the NORTHEAST TIMES, which has a circulation of 100,000.

In response to this editorial, the TIMES printed a letter February 11 thanking the paper for printing Miss Zink's article

and saying: "It was a fine article written by a teen-ager expressing her aspirations and goals in life. Many of our young people have these same ideas and feelings."

This editorial was also used as a basis for discussion in a Christian Endeavor meeting on January 31, Miss Zink reports.



FIRST AWARD-SOCIETIES

\$150 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$150) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the International Convention in Dallas

**Senior High Christian Endeavor Society
Redmond Christian Church, Redmond, Oregon**

For its project *Christian Citizenship in the Community*

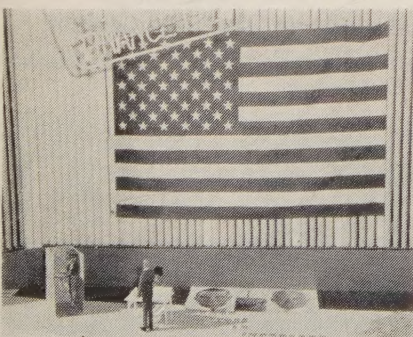
This group of 20 active members adopted a project to place citizenship displays in the window of the City Finance Company office. Windows were decorated to emphasize these themes:

Your Vote Is Important
Know Your New City Council
Laws Protect Our Lives
There Is No Worse Robber Than a
Bad Book
Be Ye Thankful
Support the Church of Your Choice

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pulsifer are co-sponsors of the society; Marlin Love is pastor. A detailed record shows that every member participated with a total of 203½ hours spent on various activities. Cost of materials used was \$49.16.

Marilyn Emery, society president, spoke on "Christian Citizenship" to the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club and also on a radio program.

Turn to Page 6 for more details.



THIS WINDOW DISPLAY on "Your Vote Is Important" was one of six prepared by the winning society as its community Christian citizenship witness in Redmond, Oregon.



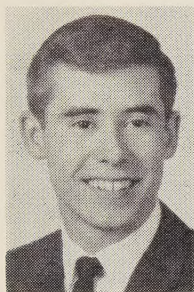
JUDGES reviewing individual entries with Rev. Christian A. Tirre are Timothy J. Kribs (left) and Fayne F. Freshwater (right).

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

SECOND AWARD—\$100 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$75) for expenses of attending International Convention

Gary W. Haire
Evansville, Indiana

For his cartoon *Pardon me, I didn't know I was loaded*



A senior at North High School, Mr. Haire is 17. He is on the devotional committee of his society at Immanuel Presbyterian Church and is also vice-president of Evansville District Union and a member of the Continuing Committee of the Indiana Union. His cartoon against drunken driving was published in the November 20 issue of THE NORTH STAR, his school paper. He uses his artistic talents for many community events.

THIRD AWARD—\$75 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$50) for expenses of attending the International Convention

Charlene M. Williams
Kernersville, North Carolina

For her article *The Fading Light*



Miss Williams, 15, is an East High School student and an active member of Central Tabernacle Church, Winston-Salem. Her article appeared in the WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL and the KERNERSVILLE NEWS, plus her church newspaper. She concludes: "If you help your country by serving God, you are not only a real American citizen, but also a shining light to the world—a light which will never fade if you trust God."

FOURTH AWARD—\$50 in cash

Leon Castner
Branchville, New Jersey

For his Letter to the Editor *Under God*



Treasurer of the society at Lafayette Federated Church, Mr. Castner is 15. In his letter in THE NEW JERSEY HERALD of Newton he wrote: Students at Newton High School recently applied for a new club . . . But we were denied . . . We . . . want to be different. We want to have a Bible Club and prayer and Bible reading . . . Only when this is accomplished can we truthfully say that we are 'One Nation Under God.'"

RUNNERS-UP — \$25 each in cash (listed alphabetically)

Edna Mae Beatty
Maryville, Tennessee

For her citizenship address



Miss Beatty, 20, is a junior at Maryville College; her home is Covington, Ohio, where she is active in the United Presbyterian Church. She told her speech class concerning racial prejudice and use of alcohol and tobacco; "If we have faith in God and will power of our own, we will be better able to withstand such temptations."

Kathleen N. Lewis
Lafayette, Indiana

For her essay *Victory Without War*



Active at Crestview United Brethren Church, Miss Lewis is 16. In her essay she says, "It is now up to the Christian to tell the rest of the world that they no longer have to fight with . . . immoral literature, narcotics, and prejudice, but rather that they are the victors if only they would change sides."

John McCullough
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

For his article *The Cost of Christian Citizenship*



John McCullough, winner of fourth place in 1964, is 21 and devotional convener of the Senior Society at Cooke's Presbyterian Church. In his article, presented at a special citizenship meeting, he says, "Now is the time to show the world that Christians make the best citizens and Christian citizens the best world."

SOCIETY WINNERS

SECOND AWARD — \$100 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$75) for expenses of one or more representatives at Dallas

High School Christian Endeavor Society

Prescott Avenue United Brethren in Christ Church, Dayton, Ohio

For its project *stressing missionary help at home, in missions in the United States, and in other countries*

These high schoolers began their project in July and planned activities through February. In addition to a camping weekend, the group journeyed to Kentucky to visit their mission work and to Huntington College in Indiana. Other activities included a "Fishermen for Christ" banquet, the collection of \$38.30 for CROP, sending of Christmas gifts to Kentucky, and a service at the Montgomery County Infirmary with gifts. Dawn Winger is society president; Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., is minister.

THIRD AWARD — \$75 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$50) for expenses of one or more representatives at Dallas

Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society

Queen Street East Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ontario

For its project *C.E. Citizens of the World (Acts 1:8)*

Under the direction of Sheila Rowe, citizenship convener, these Endeavorers planned activities for church and community, including visits to sick and shut-ins and a party for Juniors. They widened their concern to help crippled children, lepers, Formosa missionaries, and needy children in India.

FOURTH AWARD — \$50 in cash

Northport Christian Endeavor Society

Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee

For its project *Preserve America (II Chronicles 7:14)*

Meeting a local need by emphasizing honest voting practices, the approximately 15 members of this group planned newspaper publicity, prepared posters, and distributed three thousand handbills on election day.

RUNNERS-UP — \$25 each in cash (listed alphabetically by state)

High School Christian Endeavor Society

Ebenezer Reformed Church, Morrison, Illinois

For its project *Witness for Christ in the Church, Community, State, and World*

Young People's Christian Endeavor Society

Maplewood Congregational Church, St. Louis, Missouri

For its project of year-round citizenship activities

Tuscarora Community Christian Endeavor Society

Tuscarora Presbyterian Church, Martinsburg, West Virginia

For its project *Christian Endeavor Principles at Work in the Community*

BELOW LEFT — Missouri Endeavorers after an afternoon of community canvassing for their church, one of many citizenship activities throughout the year. BELOW RIGHT — West Virginia youth entered this float in their community Christmas parade.



DISCUSSING society projects are (from left) Citizenship Director Christian A. Tirre, and the three judges — Che Long, Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, and Rev. Nathan H. VanderWerf.



A WEEKEND of camping brought Endeavorers of Dayton, Ohio, closer together and renewed their strength to carry out an ambitious society program.



TORONTO YOUTH sold Manchadi seeds to help starving children in India; this was only one of a series of citizenship projects.

SIGNS for their project encouraging honest voting were prepared and distributed by Tennessee Endeavorers at election time.





MORE ABOUT THE WINNING SOCIETY PROJECT

Planning for the window displays began early. A special committee was appointed: Marilyn Emery (society president), chairman, Dianne Parker, Jo Ann Corliss, and Steven Elster.

The first few meetings were used to plan each window and assign work, with the goal of participation by every member. Youth met each Monday night to work on articles to be used in the displays.

The aim of the project was to express this idea to the community: "Young people do have high ideals and they do watch the adults to see what type of example is set for them."

In connection with the project a sign was displayed in front of the church with this theme, "Courageous Christian Citizens Conquer Community Conflicts."

Mrs. Pulsifer, society sponsor, reports that the society has started this citizen-

ship project the past four years but has never successfully completed it until this year. She says participation was excellent. Everyone seemed interested and willing to help.

Articles appeared in the local newspaper, the REDMOND SPOKESMAN, and in THE HUB CAP (published by the county Christian Endeavor union) and THE SPOKE, the society paper.

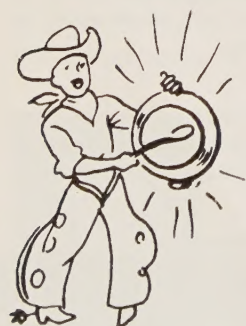
Mayor Kieran P. Madden of the City of Redmond wrote: "The work performed by your society in stimulating the interest of the public to participate to a greater extent in their roles as good citizens cannot help but bring about greater results in the creation of better government."

The president of the Kiwanis Club, C. J. Brazeal, wrote to Miss Emery after she addressed this group of men: "We would also like to compliment your group on the wonderful window displays,

calling attention to the different things that make people stop and consider the better things of our life, as well as informing people on the subjects we should all be aware of at all times."

Speaking of the project, Donald D. Hinman, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said, "It is encouraging to know that there is a group of younger citizens so dedicated in learning problems that will soon be confronting them and making a sincere effort to improve their position with knowledge."

Marlin Love, pastor, sums up the effort with these words, "Now all of these things were done because you wanted to glorify Christ and His Church. You have set a good example to others around you. This is the beginning place for good citizenship . . . The displays were important because they stood for something that is worthwhile in the lives of all people."



**Come to Dallas
July 6-10 for the
International
Convention**

**REGISTER NOW
JOIN THE WINNERS**

USE THIS REGISTRATION BLANK

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216

(Please print or type)

Please register me for Dallas 1965. I enclose \$5.

Rev., Mr., Mrs., Miss

(Circle proper title)

Street & No.

City, State, and ZIP Code

Church

(Give full name and denomination)

I am a member of the _____ Christian Endeavor
Society or Youth Fellowship.

Local Union

State Union

My present responsibility in Christian Endeavor is

Age (if under 25) _____ Over 25, check here ☐

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

LET'S GO TO DALLAS

**Join Endeavorers at the International Convention
— They're Coming by Car, Bus, Train,
and Even Plane**

Groups are coming to Dallas by every method of transportation — with the Philadelphia County Senior Union even planning a special plane trip direct from the Philadelphia International Airport to Dallas.

Youth in Maryland, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and other areas are chartering special buses to take delegates to "Big D." Endeavorers in Virginia and Michigan are making plans for group travel by train. Hundreds of Endeavorers are filling their cars for this first International Convention in the Southwest.

Registrations for the convention are coming in at Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus daily. At the April 1 report date in the Dallas Registration Contest the Maryland Union took a gigantic leap into top place, winning a \$10 check. Harriet Krenz is the registrar. Pennsylvania Union, led by Deborah Mecouch, took second place honors. Their award is two free subscriptions to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

Who will lead the parade Saturday, July 10, in Dallas? Award banners and parade positions will be determined by the standings of the various unions in the Registration Contest. Also awards banners will be given to the five top-ranking unions when the contest ends June 15 and these unions will rate choice seating positions for convention sessions.

Third report deadline for the contest

is May 17. All union workers are urged to get registrations in by this date to help their union win a registration award.

Registered delegates will receive complete convention information. The special hotel reservation cards should be returned quickly to the Statler Hilton Hotel, where all convention sessions will be held. Very economical "package plan" rates are being offered, bringing the convention within the reach of all.



**Ferris Plaza, site of Convention
Hymn Sing**

All registered delegates will also receive complete information about the sight-seeing tours being planned by the



TEXAS OUTDOOR POSTERS carry a special streamer advertising the coming International Convention.

Dallas Convention Committee. Of special interest is an all-day tour to SIX FLAGS Over Texas leaving the hotel Tuesday morning, July 6, at 9:30 A.M. There will also be city sight-seeing during the convention. Advance reservations are required.

Hawaiian and Mexican delegates are expected in Dallas. Many delegations will don costumes representative of their home areas, making this a very colorful convention.

Juniors will have a special activities period each morning plus the Junior Convention Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The convention banquet will feature Charles Meek, Texas president, as toastmaster. All convention meals will be served in the spacious ballroom. Staying at one hotel and eating all meals together will give delegates many opportunities for fellowship.

Members of the 1965 Fellowship Tour sponsored by the International Society will begin their all-expense, personally conducted tour July 6 in Dallas. After the convention the tour party departs for fifteen days in Mexico City, Guatemala, and Yucatan, with the tour concluding July 25 in New Orleans. For full details write the International Society.

Use the registration blank on Page 6 to register for Dallas. Do it today!

DALLAS CONVENTION COMMITTEE leaders at the March 27 meeting include: Left photo, from left — Mrs. Jack Ogden, Mary Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Adams, Mrs. George Sims, and Donald P. Cole; center photo, from left — Charles Meek, Mrs. Fred Norris, Mrs. Everett Scofield, Fred B. Porter (seated), and Jesse Gardner; right photo, from left, seated — Shannon Cooper, A. G. Hale, Vicki Hale, and Roger Layne; standing — Patty Layne, Patricia Speer, and Larry Hanby.



Irish Endeavorers Prepare for 1966

The local committee for the 15th World's Christian Endeavor Convention is hard at work, under the leadership of Rev. F. Rupert Gibson, chairman. Sessions will be held in Belfast, Northern Ireland, July 27-August 1, 1966.

The Prayer Committee is planning concerted prayer for the convention. A special convention prayer has been prepared which the committee hopes to circulate to Endeavorers around the world. On the first Monday of each month a lunch-hour prayer meeting is held at Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Belfast.

The Praise Committee is organizing a Convention Choir of 500 voices, suitable for King's Hall where the meetings will be held. A number of Central Rallies are planned in the months before the convention. One of these rallies was held Friday, April 23, in Wellington Hall. A choir of over 100 voices sang; this will

form the nucleus of the Convention Choir. Speaker at this rally was Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, World's Union president.

Delegates from around the world are beginning to make plans for Belfast. The German Union is chartering a special ship and has already sold out, with 1,000 Endeavorers booking passage. Australian leaders are also planning to bring a tour group to Ireland.

The German Endeavorers will sail from Bremerhaven after their 1966 convention in Bremen on the liner *Dunera*, which will be moored in Belfast Lough to act as a floating hotel. Emil Rex of Dusseldorf, one of the leaders of the German contingent, recently visited Belfast to make plans for 1966. In addition to the Convention Choir, the German youth plan to provide a 500-voice choir and a brass band of 140. The German youth will stop at Norway en route home.

DANIEL A. POLING
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NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

MY FRIENDS:

To so address you is at once complete and yet inadequate. More than two thousand of you, many of you in far distant places, have sent me your generous and eye-misting messages on my eightieth birthday anniversary (November 30th) or in Christmas greetings. I am still reading them and will be for some time to come.

But my associates here at Christian Herald, who have been all but submerged by the details of correspondence and in preparing a huge volume of the letters alphabetically arranged, have also been overwhelmed. And I have been much longer in acknowledging your messages, much longer than my heart has prompted me to reply. But you will, I know, understand the delay.

One of the loveliest things said about this anniversary was the comment of a little granddaughter: "Now, Granddaddy, you are an octogeranium!"

Well, it can't happen again, ever. It has been very wonderful. I am grateful, grateful to you beyond any words I may speak or write. Thank you and God bless you always and forever.

Sincerely and affectionately,

Daniel A. Poling
Daniel A. Poling

HONOR SOCIETIES

Since the last list was published of societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the Membership Mobilization, a number of others have participated in the 1964 Society Roll Call. Organizations listed below contributed during March. Those receiving gold seals have contributed \$50 or more; red seals represent a gift of \$30, blue seals \$15.

Gold Seal

#Christian Endeavor Societies, Ebenezer Reformed Church, Morrison, Illinois
Sandy Hollow Church of God, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania

Red Seal

Chicago Union, Southwest Division, Tinley Park, Illinois

Blue Seal

Adult, Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena, California
Hawaiian Union, Honolulu, Hawaii
Honolulu County Union, Honolulu, Hawaii
Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Evansville, Indiana
Junior, South Side Christian Church, Hammond, Indiana
Junior High, South Side Christian Church, Hammond, Indiana
Youth Fellowship, American Reformed Church, Hull, Iowa
Sebree General Baptist Church, Sebree, Kentucky
High School, Eighth Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Colwood Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Unionville, Michigan
Lafayette Federated Church, Branchville, New Jersey
Queens County Union, St. Albans, New York
Senior, First United Brethren in Christ Church, Columbus, Ohio
Bykota, Southwood Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio
Junior, Calvary United Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania
St. Jacob's (Stone) Union, Brodbeck's, Pennsylvania
Adult, First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania
First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania
*Philadelphia County Senior Union, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Intermediate, Primitive Methodist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
West Branch Junior of Philadelphia County, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Senior, Juniata Park Evangelical United Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Young People's, Trinity United Evangelical Church, Shamokin, Pennsylvania
Senior, Prince Street United Brethren in Christ Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania
Galveston County Union, Arcadia, Texas
Dallas District Union, Dallas, Texas
*Senior High-Young People's, Bruton Road Christian Church, Dallas, Texas
San Jacinto District Union, LaMarque, Texas

*Enrolled in December

#Incorrectly listed in the last issue

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

NEWS AND VIEWS

YOUNG ADULT SOCIETY members of St. Paul Evangelical Congregational Church, York, Pennsylvania, work on "Project 65." They are making rabbits of soap and washcloths for Easter distribution to guests at Pleasant Acres (home for the aged). Other society projects include giving \$15 per month towards the support of Neva Mae Dubs, church missionary; supporting for more than 11 years a Greek orphan; and purchasing a chair for a Pleasant Acres patient. Florence Peters reported the activities of this group.

Place your society in the spotlight! Send photos and reports of activities. Pictures should be sharp black and white glossy prints; reports should be brief.



• **BISHOP CLYDE W. MEADOWS**, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, journeyed to Great Britain April 15 to participate in the Welsh Convention at Pontypridd over Easter weekend and in the closing rally of the Scottish Convention April 26 in Glasgow. He also spoke at several union rallies in England and met with Endeavorers in Northern Ireland in preparation for next year's World Convention in Belfast.

Dr. Allan J. Blair, finance chairman of the World's Union, and Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary, joined Bishop Meadows in Belfast for meetings there, then journeyed with him to England for World's Union official meetings held April 24 in Nuneaton and Hinckley. Dr. Blair visited in Scotland before returning to the United States April 27. Mr. Westerhoff is traveling in Scandinavia and will meet with Endeavorers in Berlin before returning May 6. Mr. Westerhoff will cover the areas to be visited by the 1966 International Tour.

• **"WHY WE CHOOSE CHRIST"** is the title of a book of sermons by Bishop Clyde W. Meadows. This helpful book is available from Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio; cost is \$2.50.

• **"ROUND 'EM UP AND BRAND 'EM"** was the theme for the Ohio Super Saturday rallies, one April 10 in Dayton, the other April 24 in Canton. Conferences were beamed to Riders, Wranglers, Rustlers, and Ramrods. A special Ohio Christian Endeavor brand was used on the badges and programs and Dallas Registrar Patricia Pugh (replete with cowgirl outfit) urged Endeavorers to register.

• **ARCH J. MCQUILKIN**, International Society president, appeared April 13 on the television interview program "Ryan Reports" over Station WBNS-TV, Columbus, Ohio. He was in Columbus for a meeting of the Administration Committee.

• **DALLAS DATES** are July 6-10. Join the crowds in "Big D" for the 48th International Convention this summer.

• **LEHIGH COUNTY** (Pennsylvania) Union observed the 84th birthday with a banquet February 5 in Allentown. Rev. Howard Van Sandt, pastor of Fourth Reformed Church in Philadelphia, spoke to the 154 Endeavorers present. B. McClain Cochran, general secretary of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association, was toastmaster. On February 6 conferences were held at Grace Evangelical Congregational Church with Mr. Cochran and Frances M. Becker, vice-president of the International Society, as leaders.

• **SOMEONE YOU KNOW GRADUATING** this year? Consider a Christian Endeavor gift, one that will be different and highly prized. In addition to rings, which must be made to order, many attractive jewelry items for fellows and girls are available from Christian Endeavor's Publishing Department, plus New Testaments, portfolios, tote bags, gift pencils, T-shirts, sweat shirts, zipper jackets, etc. Write for a catalog giving a detailed list.



CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CHOIR formed of society members of Maplewood Congregational Church, St. Louis, Missouri, sang February 7 at a special birthday service. Mrs. Robert Fisher is youth choir director with Mrs. Russell W. Boettcher directing the Junior and Sunbeam Choir. Following the service seven of the Endeavorers received special awards presented by Preston Bowling, local union president, and Harold Williams, state union president. Gene Fink, vice-president of the International Society for the Central Region, participated.

Ready - for - YOUTH RESOURCES

Good Public Relations

by Dr. G. B. Gordon, Pacific Christian College

"Hey, Joe. Let's go!" "Where?" "To C.E." "When?" "Sunday night." "What's going on? Same old thing?" "Naw. Special deal. You'll get a bang out of it!" "O.K. You pick me up?" "Sure. Six o'clock."

There you have it. The five most important factors in building a strong attraction for your Christian Endeavor society or, as public relations experts allude to it, a strong "image." They are: *Who, What, When, Where, Why!*

Why?

Why should we communicate our faith? Because otherwise the world will never know. Because of the many benefits that the Gospel and your society will bring to others: forgiveness, peace, fellowship, challenge. Because of the satisfying experience to you of sharing something important. Because Christ commanded you to "go."

To Whom?

Before a salesman is prepared to pitch into his sales talk he must know his prospect. It is a necessary part of setting up a sales campaign to divide up the territory and classify the prospects. What is the "public" you are trying to reach for your group? There are two circles of contact, the center of which is in your youth group. The first circle of "prospects" includes the people who are connected with the church itself. This includes the church members, young people on the roll, Bible school class members, those non-members who drop in on the worship services occasionally, young people who belong to families who are members, and even those who belong to families who merely attend—not church members. The second circle includes all of the other people in the community within your age bracket. In a small town this means every young person. In a large city, it will be the neighborhood or social groups that you can touch.

What?

Now we are ready to spell out the specifics. Just what do you do to reach these people? What methods work?

1. First, the best public relations factor is *your own Christian character*. This either attracts people to your group—to the church—or it repels. Are you a "satisfied customer"? Do you automatically reflect the joy of your salvation? Or do you gripe about the meetings, about poor leadership, about the "hypocrites in the outfit"? Do you "hang out the dirty linen" for everyone to see? Well, don't! Be optimistic; put the "best foot forward." No organization is perfect; no one expects yours to be. You have much to offer in spite of imperfections. Tell others the wonderful things; skip the others.

2. Be a personal witness. Tell people about your organization *in person*. Use the "face-to-face method." Obvious? Of course, but have you invited anyone today? Use the telephone. Write letters, at least a card.

3. Print an attractive "hand-out" piece of literature describing the purpose and program of your group. This can be done on a mimeograph, but *it must be done well*. "Sloppy" mimeographing sets up a negative reaction. Better to use none at all than establish a poor image. Use colored paper; it is almost as reasonable in cost as white paper, and it attracts attention. Present these "pieces" personally to prospects. Organize a distribution system. Get these into the hands of your members and show them how to hand them to a prospect. Follow the plan of the door-to-door salesman. Don't apologize. Give the impression that this is an important message for your prospect.

4. Enclose these "pieces" with your letters. Include some such piece with every letter you write—if you really want to witness by mail. Ask the minister or church secretary to include these in mailings to church members.

5. Use poster panels. A contact through your minister or a leading businessman in the church with the local outdoor advertising firm will often make it possible to post, free of charge, a large poster panel which you can obtain from the International Society.

6. Posters can be created by your own group and placed in store windows and attract interest of people throughout the year, not just for special programs or fund-raising functions. Keep the name of your group before your public!

7. News items can be placed in newspapers, on radio programs, in national magazines. Such items must be *news*, not just promotion pieces. What makes news?

Here are several criteria for good news items: a. *Proximity*. Is the event close to the reader geographically? b. *Timeliness*. Did it happen yesterday? c. *Well-known names*. Dick Van Dyke, your mayor, the student-body president, all are names that your public knows. d. *Variations from normal*. Mary's lamb at school inspired more poetry than did Mary. Look for the unusual. e. *Magnitude*. The longest tunnel, the fastest ship, the biggest youth group, all make news. f. *Widespread interest*. Everyone is interested in food, love, death, taxes. Find the factors to fan the fire of feeling most frequently. g. *Disaster*. Serious floods, fires, tragedy always makes news. Don't set fire to the church to get publicity, but if something like this happens be on the alert to share the information with others. h. *Conflict and struggle*. Don't reveal inner conflicts in your group, but share a conflict of Christian teaching with the corruption in the community. Take the lead in the fight against the forces of evil and talk about it.

To be technically correct, follow these suggestions for "good copy" in news items: type on one side only; double space your material; use letter-size paper (8½x11); identify yourself as the source (name, address, telephone number); be accurate (Joseph Pulitzer's motto for news stories was "Get it right! Get it now! But get it right!"); don't editorialize or moralize; put into first paragraph these facts: who, what, when, and where.

8. Try paid advertising. Often some special functions in your group will warrant buying some space in the local newspaper. News items are more valuable to you in the news sections, but some occasions are considered so "commercial" that you might be amply repaid to purchase some space.

9. Utilize radio and television. Ask the program director or station manager of the local radio station just what materials he can use. You may be surprised at his ready response. Don't *ask* for anything; *offer* something.

10. National magazines are available to you if you have interesting ideas and can write well. Send to the editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, after surveying several issues of this magazine, items of news which would be considered important.

Wrap-up

You will have a dynamic public relations program if you embody these principles in your work: 1. Think and act positively. The church and Bible school and youth group should *act like* "light," "salt," "victory." We are. 2. To mold public opinion, deserve public support and give the public the facts—let them judge. 3. Win confidence. 4. Get material into people's hands. 5. Outline your campaign, listing the media of promotion you are going to use. 6. Always think in terms of the needs and likes of the prospect. What does he like? 7. Repeat. Repeat. Repeat.

Topics

FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Topic 1 in a Unit: Training as Leaders in the Church

Contagious Christianity

(Pentecost)

John 7:37-39; Acts 4:31-33



Leader's Introduction

Our topic is *Contagious Christianity*. Generally speaking the word "contagious" is connected with diseases which we do not care to have. However, we can see that many desirous features can be contagious also. A smile is an example, and we are also going to consider Christianity as contagious.

This can be seen very well through a study of Acts. At the time of Pentecost about 120 believers had gathered for prayers, and after ten days they were so blessed that they could not keep the good news to themselves. Neither could anybody stop them. Is Christ that real to you?

Talks on Bible Study

1. Opposers.

First of all we must realize that Satan was the instigator of the opposition. He worked through various people just as he does today. Some of these people were very religious, but they had not accepted the Christ and were not Christians. Below is a list of some of these opposers:

(1.) Priests. In Acts 3 there is the account of the healing of the lame man, followed by Peter's second sermon. Then in Acts 4:18 we read that Peter and John were forbidden to teach in Jesus' name. The high priest, Annas, and some of his family had given out these orders.

(2.) The Sanhedrin. Peter had appeared before them to give an account of what had happened. This was in connection with the above-mentioned healing of the lame man.

(3.) Herod. In Acts 12:2,3 we read that Herod had had James killed, and since this pleased the Jews Herod was after Peter's life. Thus Peter was imprisoned, but an angel delivered him.

(4.) Jews in general. In Acts 13:50 we read that they stirred up devout and honorable women. Then in the 14th chapter we read they stirred up the Gen-

tiles, and they also stirred up the people in Jerusalem and had hands laid on Paul (Acts 21:27). On one occasion 40 Jews resolved not to eat or drink until Paul was killed as recorded in Acts 23:12.

(5.) The silversmiths. At Ephesus there was a man named Demetrius who made a lot of money by selling shrines for the goddess Diana. Paul taught against false worship, and so Demetrius was afraid for his trade. Therefore, he caused a riot. Two of Paul's companions were caught and accused.

2. Efforts to stop the witnessing.

(1.) The apostles were commanded not to speak of Christ.

(2.) Some of them were beaten. Peter was one of these.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Prelude: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master*

Hymn: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 7:37-39; Acts 4:31-33

Hymn: *Living for Jesus*

Leader's Introduction

Talks or Bible Study on:

1. Opposers
2. Efforts to stop the witnessing
3. Results of the opposition
4. Encouragements

Special Music: *Sunshine in My Soul*

Other Examples of Witnessing

Examples of Failure to Witness

Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*

Testimonies or Consecration Meeting

Bible Quiz

Fellowship Circle

(3.) Some were imprisoned, of whom Paul and Silas were examples.

(4.) Some were killed, and we remember James and Stephen as examples.

3. Results of the opposition.

(1.) As the Christians were opposed, crowds collected and thus more people heard the story of Jesus.

(2.) While the apostles were in jail they witnessed. In Acts 16:25-33, we read of Paul and Silas' singing and praying at midnight in prison. Because of this prison experience, the keeper of the prison and his whole house were saved.

(3.) When the apostles were called to court, they witnessed. Acts 24:24-26 tells how touched Felix was by Paul's testimony. He trembled. And in Acts 26:28, King Agrippa said, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

(4.) When the apostles fled for their lives, they spread the good news. Acts 11:19,20 tells that they went to Phenice, Cyprus, and Antioch. At Antioch Greeks were contacted. Then in Acts 14:6, we read they fled to Lystra and Derbe and surrounding regions. On one occasion Paul and Silas were sent to Berea by the brethren, as recorded in Acts 17:10. And later brethren escorted Paul by ship to Athens. When Paul appealed to Caesar and was sent to Rome, he experienced a forced landing because of a storm. Soon he became the master of the occasion, whereas he had formerly been in chains. The group landed at Melita, where a snake bit Paul. The people expected him to die, and since he did not suffer any ill effects they called him a god.

4. Encouragements.

(1.) The apostles saw many more people become believers.

(2.) The Gospel was spread faster.

(3.) God became more real to them. In Acts 18:9-11, we read God spoke to Paul and promised protection. All believers were strengthened as they heard

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of the developments of the witnessing and God's mighty hand in them.

Other Examples of Witnessing

1. *New Hebrides*. The people were worshipping idols when God sent John Paton of Scotland to the people of Aniwa as a missionary. This island was along the salt water sea, and thus the people were in need of fresh water.

John prayed to God, and God told him to dig a well. He went to the chief to ask for help. The chief told him that there was something wrong with his head because rain comes from above; so John had to start digging by himself. Finally he baited some people to help him by giving them a fish hook for every three buckets of dirt they would empty from the hole.

After they had gone 12 feet, the well caved in. The chief was very much disturbed because he feared that had John been buried in the hole, the white people could blame his people for having destroyed the missionary. Nevertheless, John continued with his project. But the helpers were scared and could only be hired to empty the pails. After having gone 30 feet, John saw mud, and after two more feet fresh water appeared.

The natives were skeptical and fearful, but they were amazed when they tasted the water. Then the chief spoke and said, "Missi has been telling us about Jehovah God. I will laugh no more, for He turned the world upside down and sent rain through the earth." Then he told them to bring their idols and throw them down the well and to tell all that Chief Namakie believed in Jehovah.

For days afterwards people came with their idols, and where the people of Aniwa had held their awful orgies there now stands a splendid church.

2. *Calvary Road*. In the book called *The Calvary Road* Roy and Revel Hession told of a revival that spread throughout a mission field. They had an Easter conference and invited several missionaries from another area where they were experiencing a revival. Roy was amazed at the simple way in which they spoke and the Spirit brought conviction. He was a speaker also and was concerned about others.

Pride, self-pity were buried, and the spirit of God prevailed in Roy's work. Articles about this were put into their publication called *Challenge*. The demand for it grew, and translations were made into French and German. Further-

more, letters were sent to the Hessions telling how the revival fire had gripped the readers. Yes, Christianity is contagious.

3. *Catty*. This is the nickname of an acquaintance of the writer. Nobody was attending church from her home; neither was anybody going to Sunday school. However, she and some others walked approximately two miles to an evangelistic service in York County, Pennsylvania. One night she walked forward all by herself and gave her life for Christ to use as He saw best. This influenced others, and her three younger sisters also were saved. Later an old brother who used to ride a noisy motorcycle past the church while others were worshipping accepted Christ.

Her father was being influenced, but he did not do anything noticeable about it. Then one New Year's Eve one of the church members went to the pastor and asked him to go along to see her father, whose name was David. When they got there Dave was in bed but came downstairs to see them. The church member, Frank, did not hesitate but said that he was burdened for him and wanted to see him accept Christ before the New Year. The Scripture was explained, prayer was offered, and Dave also accepted Christ.

This spirit spread and a neighboring father and mother accepted Christ through a visit of Frank and the pastor and the work of the Spirit of God. Yes, our God is able! Let Him use us!

Examples of Failure of Witness

1. As an introduction consider some statistics. 180 years ago 25% of the known world's population was Protestant Christian. Today 8% is, and if the present trends continue the percentage will be four by 1980 and two by 2000. We cannot afford to let this happen!

2. Mahatma Ghandi went to a Christian church in Africa and was mistreated; so he did not return. He sought a religious outlet elsewhere and became a leader of the non-Christian religion of India.

3. Stalin as a seaman visited a mission in United States. He was not reached for Christ and became a leader of Communism.

4. Mao Tse-tung, the leader of the Chinese Reds, went to see an old missionary friend of his one day. He was not allowed to enter. In fact, he was told to get out because no Chinese were wanted there. What might have happened if he had been welcomed?

Testimonies or Consecration Service

Some groups call this the Roll Call. It doesn't make any difference what it is called. But to tie it with the topic, the members should give examples wherein they were influenced for good or bad by a friend or somebody else. An example could be: "I wasn't going to go to church this morning, but when I realized how concerned our teacher is about us, I got up and came. I wasn't nearly as tired after the service as I was before." Or one of the group could tell about something of this nature he had read. Encourage all to give expression of something that is within themselves.

Bible Quiz

This quiz could be on the book of Acts. The part that was presented during the talks or Bible study could be reviewed through the quiz.

A quick way to conduct this would be to hand each one a piece of paper. Then ask ten objective questions such as the completion type. After the members are done have them check while you give the answers. Next see how many got all ten correct. If sides were taken, add up the scores of each side and see which won.

To the Counselor

At the previous meeting announce this evening's topic to the group and encourage them to read the Daily Bible Readings during the week.

If they have a Bible study instead of talks, perhaps there will not be time for all that is suggested. The study might be different. One of the main things to remember in having successful meetings is to have variety.

During the fellowship circle, members could join hands and form a circle. Then have them pray for each other. They could also sing a hymn, and the consecration service or testimonies could be conducted at this time. This would give a feeling of oneness which the early followers of Christ felt. Challenge them to spread Christianity throughout the community.

Daily Bible Readings

M. May	31	God's Promised Blessing	Ezekiel 36:22-32
T. June	1	For Believers Only	John 14:12-17
W. June	2	For the Asking	Luke 11:5-13
T. June	3	Our Bodies—His Temple	I Corinthians 3:16-23
F. June	4	The Promise Is to You	Acts 2:37-42
S. June	5	Not to Be Purchased	Acts 8:14-24
Sun. June	6—Topic:	Contagious Christianity	John 7:37-39; Acts 4:31-33 (Pentecost)

Comments by Erma L. Funk, Greencastle, Pennsylvania, an elementary schoolteacher and former missionary in Sierra Leone under the United Brethren in Christ Church

Topic 2 in a Unit: Training as Leaders in the Church

Precision Instruments

Romans 6:12-14

Promoting the Meeting

There are two possible means of displaying this meeting: a bulletin board or a glass display case. Either means will require a person in charge who is a good collector. If a bulletin board is used place a placard in the very center of the display space. Have neatly printed on the placard *WHOSE TOOL ARE YOU?* Surrounding the placard in all directions from it have attractively mounted pictures of instruments that are readily recognized as tools of the many professions. Be sure that only good pictures are used; if the Christian Endeavor society has a good artist as a member or friend, paper models could be made of each instrument.

Use such instruments as a physician's stethoscope, a dentist's drill, a lawyer's briefcase, an astronomist's telescope, a scientist's microscope, and so on. After the placard and pictures are displayed to the best advantage, run a streamer (ribbon, crepe paper, construction paper, etc.) from each instrument to the placard. Across the bottom of the display, place these letters: *COME TO JUNIOR HIGH CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEXT SUNDAY EVENING AND FIND THE ANSWER.* If a glass display case is available, it would be very interesting to use the actual instruments instead of pictures. If you use a case, be sure it is one that can be kept locked. Instruments are valuable.

Leader's Introduction

We are living in a generation in which more and more specialized training is needed for more and more vocations. Training is needed in the art of meeting people, in the ability to get along with people after the introductions are over, in the intricate demands and knowledge to handle with skill equally intricate instruments in almost every vocation that is open to the youth of today. Machinery breaks down, causing a loss of time and economic returns from the original investment. The human machine breaks down too, with its accom-



panying loss of time and economic returns to everyone involved. It behooves Christian youth today to train their bodies, minds, and spirits both in a vocation for a lifework and in the things of God without which no vocation can be a success. It is our hope this evening to show that both are important and that one supplements the other. To this end, I would like to introduce our panel speakers who will bring to us the basis for our discussion.

Panel Discussion

There should be four to six successful Christian laymen in this panel—successful in their businesses, successful in their church life, and successful in selling themselves to others. If four are used, allow each one five minutes to speak on a suggested phase of training for a vocation in Christ (any vocation in which Christ can be an ever-present guide). Each one should be asked well in advance and assigned a specific phase of the topic. Here are four phases which could be used:

- (1) Training Our Bodies for Service
- (2) Skills Needed in a World of Precision
- (3) A Spirit-Filled Training Program
- (4) Equipped to Serve the Lord

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Prelude: *Give of Your Best to the Master*

DISCUSSION

Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of our Junior High Christian Endeavor meeting tonight is to search our minds and hearts to see just whose tool we are; to align ourselves up with God as His tool, if we are not already fully serving Him; and to lay plans and resolves that we will here and now become the most skillful, precise tool possible in His hands. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24).

Hymn: *In the Service of the King*

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:12-14

Leader's Introduction

Panel Discussion: The Need for Precision in Training

Hymn: *I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go* (stanza three)

Directed Discussion: Will You?

WORSHIP

Quiet Music: *Spirit of the Living God*

Call to Worship: Psalm 84:9-12

Invocation

Choral Response: *Spirit of the Living God*

Hymn: *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Meditation by four Christian Endeavor Lifework Recruits

Prayer in Song and Sentence

Benediction

Choral Response: *Let The Beauty of Jesus*

These are merely suggestions. Specific needs in specific situations could be used as a basis for these talks. Since time moves swiftly and there is much to be done, be sure each speaker understands his time limit and keep each one to his assigned time.

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At the conclusion of these talks have the entire group sing the third stanza only of the hymn *I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go*. Make sure that only the third stanza is used because the mood you want to set after the training panel is for everyone present to sing sincerely, *I'll be what God wants me to be*.

Directed Discussion: Will You?

At this point in the meeting the leader for the evening should conduct a spirited discussion, striving to get everyone to participate around the specific challenge to be God's tool, kept in and by His Hand, serving in His kingdom. A good leader will have the questions thought out, handed out, and prayed about ahead of the meeting so the discussion will be beneficial. At the same time the leader is getting others to discuss how they can be tools in the hands of God, he too should be a tool of God's, being used effectively. Keep the discussion pertinent, perky, and bounded—by the subject at hand and the time in hand. Remember that there is more to follow.

Here are some suggested questions for the discussion:

1. What is the meaning of "precision"?
2. What is the meaning of "instrument"?
3. In what sense can we be instruments or tools for God?
4. In what ways can we be precision instruments?
5. Which professions do you consider to be the highest?
6. Which professions require the highest type of training?
7. What relationship exists between a fit body and exacting professions?
8. Do Christians have more of a responsibility to be highly trained than non-Christians?
9. Should a Christian take better care of his body than a non-Christian?
10. Is there any relationship between a physically fit body and production of good work?
11. Is just-getting-by a good philosophy?
12. How can my church help in my training?
13. How can I help my church in its efforts to help train me?
14. What constitutes a good training program for a Christian and his lifework?

Worship Service

Although this may not be the time for your regular consecration service, in a sense every Christian Endeavor meeting should be a commitment service. At least each one should be so conducted and so received that each member present feels the desire to commit life anew to Christ. This meeting is no exception. Make the worship service as worshipful and as meaningful as possible.

Following the discussion period, the leader should so summarize and lead into the service of worship that it is a smooth, consequential result of what has gone before. Even while the leader's concluding remarks are being said, the strains of *Spirit of the Living God* should be permeating the room, quietly and reverently. In this way, in a sense, the Christian Endeavor members will have been subconsciously called to worship even before the Scriptural call to worship has been voiced. It will thus be natural for all to feel within themselves an urge to voice what the piano has been mutely whispering to them so that after the invocation has been offered, all present will prayerfully respond with the singing of *Spirit of the Living God*.

Following the reading of the Scripture, four lifework recruits, from the Junior High Christian Endeavor membership or the Senior High-Young People's Christian Endeavor membership, should bring a brief, well-planned, coordinated meditation. These four youths should get together ahead of time to plan what they will say in order to make these moments of meditation as effective as possible. Each one should begin his spoken thoughts with the words "Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me" followed by his phase of the meditation. The four should be in this order:

1. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me—*Break me!*
2. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me—*Melt me!*
3. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me—*Mould me!*
4. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me—*Fill me!*

Immediately following these meditations some type of vocal special music should be used. A solo would probably be the most effective as it would seem more personal and less disturbing in production. It should be a song of commitment, voiced as a prayer. One of the most effective to use would be *Have Thine Own Way*. The solo should be followed by individual sentence prayers. It would be very effective and meaning-

ful if each one who prayed aloud would preface the prayer with "Dear Jesus, this is John (*whoever was praying would use his own first name*); help me to be a tool of Thine."

Alternate Suggestions

If for some reason a panel discussion type of meeting is not desired, another plan would be to have some well-qualified Christian minister, educator, or businessman speak on "Being a Tool for God." Such a talk could be handled as an object lesson, either from the pictures used on the bulletin board or the actual instruments displayed in the showcase. A dedicated speaker could draw lessons from them in such a way that they would be long remembered. The challenge could be made for each person to let God use him as His stethoscope to hear the heart beat of people yearning to be made whole by the Saviour or as His drill that would help to ferret out cavities of wrong in otherwise wholesome people. These are but samples of how such a talk could be handled.

Another possibility would be to have the Junior High School Christian Endeavor members be their own speakers. By being given assignments ahead of time each member could be prepared to present a brief talk on each instrument and its use to the profession which uses it, with the main talk of the evening being given by the minister on "Whose Tool Are You?," stressing the need to serve Christ by adequate preparation in both Christian and secular education.

Daily Bible Readings

M. June 7	Diligent in Service	II Corinthians 8:16-24
T. June 8	Getting the Vessels Ready	II Kings 4:1-7
W. June 9	Serving Only the Lord	I Samuel 7:1-4
T. June 10	Doing the Work at Hand	Luke 12:41-48
F. June 11	Entrusted Responsibilities	Matthew 25:14-18
S. June 12	Faithful with What We Have	Matthew 25:19-30
Sun. June 13—Topic:	Precision Instruments	Romans 6:12-14

Comments by Mrs. Newell Morgan, a grade school teacher in Boise, Idaho, and wife of the minister of First Christian Church

Hymns listed in program outlines in **THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD** have been selected from the new **CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS**. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Price: 60c each, \$6 per dozen, \$48 per hundred.

Topic 1 in a Unit: Standards of Dating

Steady or Not?

I John 3:1-3

Publicity Pointers

Prepare posters which are filled with big question marks. Another poster might present some Junior Highs on it talking to an adult. Place the title on every poster. For the Junior High Sunday school classes prepare small hand-outs to be given to each one on Sunday morning.

Leader's Talk

Dating is fun, wonderful important fun. It is one of the most important things in the world. It is a means for us to learn to share interests and time, our activities and ambitions. The attitudes we develop toward dates will tend to develop the pattern of our conduct toward the one we marry.

How old should we be before we date? No one can number the birthdays gone by and say just when a person is old enough, for many things work together to prepare one for the ready date. Parents and their ideas about the time for dating have a lot to say about when we are ready. Parents are often more strict with the oldest child, and so this boy or girl may be more restricted in the beginning of dates.

Social development is another guide in deciding the age for dating. A boy or girl must be able to be at ease with one of the opposite sex. Parties and other activities help us reach this growing step.

Physical maturity greatly determines the time when all other points of readiness for dating will come. As a boy or girl develops toward physical maturity, there will be a growing desire to be a part of a mixed group and a greater interest in the opposite sex.

So with these facts in mind, let's see if we should go steady or not.

Topic Talks

Knowing Myself

As our leader told us we need to grow before we should go steady. As young persons we should not worry if we don't

have many dates. The majority of students in high school don't date regularly, and so we should not sit and waste time moping about the lack of dates.

Four areas help us decide when we should date and even guide us toward going steady. Let us check each one carefully.

Telling Signs:

Do I show a friendly smile?

Do I listen to others while they talk to me?

Do I care about the desires and needs of others?

Do I honestly like and show interest in all people in a Christian manner?

Do I help older people as a part of life?

Talk, Talk, Talk:

Do I have a hobby I can share in as I talk to others my age?

What do I read? Do I read magazines, newspapers, and books so I can talk with knowledge about the world around me?

Do I know my Bible well enough to talk to others with live interest?

Do I know enough about sports (both girls and boys) to talk about them?

Do I know cars, clothes, and the latest fads to keep interest in talk?



Things I Can Do:

Can I play sports or swim?

Do I know the places of interest in my community?

Can I fix tasty snacks?

Am I working on improving my talents?

Can I enjoy simple fun?

Tidy Looking:

Am I careful to look my best by cleaning and using deodorant, combing my hair, brushing my teeth regularly?

Do I try to look smart and neat in the clothes I have?

Does my appearance reveal a Christian look?

Steady by the Dozen

It is fun to go on dates with a group. There is more to talk about, and the conduct can be on a Christian level. Group dating helps us get to know more young people our age. We can learn the things we like and don't like about others without a lot of grief. As our parents help plan activities we can learn to know the parents of other boys and girls. In turn the parents can observe us and learn to know us as we prepare to go steady. If we enlarge our circle of dating friends, we will never feel cheated by dating only one. It will help us avoid the deceitful date as recorded in the story of Samson and Delilah.

Toning the Dates

The most important race we begin as young people centers around the spir-

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Suggested Program

Circle Prayer

Call to Worship

Hymns: *Blessed Assurance*; *More Like the Master*

Scripture Reading: I John 3:1-3

Sentence Prayers

Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*

Pledge Time: Repeat the Christian Endeavor Pledge in unison

Announcements and Offering

Special Music

Leader's Talk

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Benediction

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itual plans for our dates. Even our group dating begins to set patterns for our steady dating. Consecrated Christian young people should spend some of their dating time in witnessing. If you have some doubt as to what his or her intentions are, don't take a chance. Occasionally a fellow will date a girl considerably younger than himself because he has ulterior motives.

Even of more importance than age difference is the spiritual difference. Make sure the spiritual tone of the date is Christ centered. Your first question is "How can I tell if a person is really a Christian?" Take a good long look at the record. Does he or she attend the services of a church? Does he take a part in church activities? Has he ever made a decision for Christ that he enjoys sharing? Does he love Christ enough to share his enjoyment by guiding others to Christ? If you see that the record reveals that your date fits into the "yes" group in answering the above questions, you can feel reasonably sure that he is Christ centered.

Can I date an unbeliever occasionally? Your first reaction is "It will not hurt." It will be only this one time. The fact that you want to date a boy or girl means that your feelings and emotions are already involved. These two want to run away with us. After one date your attraction for the date may increase and you will want more than one date.

Ted Engstrom, a leader of Youth for Christ and one of the outstanding youth leaders in America, became interested in Christianity because a girl in high school stuck to her Christian standards. You should ask unbelievers into your Christian group activities and then pray that the Lord will become their guide. Remember your dates should be carried out in spiritual tones.

Sometimes you may feel that you like a young person enough to date him or her to share a Christian witness. You can witness day by day in a few words which will not cause you spiritual sorrow but happiness as you date.

God's Masterpiece, My Body!

At birth a baby is appealingly helpless and completely dependent upon those around him. At four weeks of age a baby becomes steady. He is a joy to hold and responds to pain and discomforts by crying. At one year the baby has a fast growing body.

From three to ten years we grow slowly. Our growth is guided by our food, exercise, home conditions, size of

our parents, and our health. Between ten and thirteen most boys are shorter than girls the same age, but this is nothing to worry about. Then boys grow faster and usually grow taller and heavier.

The growth that we cannot see in our growing up begins to prepare us for our dates. The pituitary gland in the head is like a policeman that tells us to go. The hormones of the pituitary gland stimulate other glands, and we begin to get ready to be interested in the opposite sex.

This explains why in Junior High years we are all different sizes. None of us grows just like somebody else. It is because of God's plans for us that we need to keep our bodies clean and our dating on a spiritual level. If we understand our bodies we can date with comfort. We should enlarge our date circle beyond one person so that we can observe our own growth as well as the growth of others our ages of both sexes.

Leader's Conclusions

The successful dater will need to work on the areas we have discussed tonight. We must work on ourselves and try to be attractive to others.

Courtesy is high on the list of a successful dater. People always enjoy and are attracted toward someone that is polite and kind. The smooth approach in life produces a smooth response. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Good manners are made up of little sacrifices."

Second on our list of successful dating is our appearance. People are attracted to those who make a neat appearance. People look even beyond our face to the real person. But people are more interested in how we can make them feel than how we look. Therefore, our dress and our inner self must be our best to attract others.

Our conversation will draw or cause others to pass by us. A two-way chat will draw people together. Remember that good conversation is guided by a person talking and then getting the other person to talk. So let's practice listening as well as talking in our date pattern for success.

Let's conclude with all our dating talk leveled on spiritual guidance. A successful dater is not one with a bag of tricks, but a genuine person who loves the Lord. Spirituality is important because it fills the greatest need in every life; fellowship and communion with God are all-important. There is no substitute for a close walk with the Lord. Your spir-

itual vitality influences every other area of your life.

The advantages of steady dating are first that you are sure you have a date. You are never the odd number. This is called date insurance. The next advantage is that you can learn to know your steady very well. A third advantage is that going steady adds to your self-confidence.

Disadvantages of steady dating for Junior Highs are many. Here is a list that will help in deciding about going steady or not.

Probably the greatest disadvantage to going steady is that it limits a choice of mates. Second on the disadvantage list is that you are not free to date a new date. The third disadvantage of going steady is that your circle of friends is prevented from enlarging. The fourth is found in that we become like those with whom we associate. A fifth and great disadvantage is the result that steady daters are likely to become tired of each other and bored with each other's companionship. The most serious disadvantage is that it can lead to over-familiarity and later to a sex relationship that is regretted all the rest of life. Not all teenage dating becomes involved with sex problems. Many are fine Christian relationships and help bring together wonderful lifelong mates.

Other Suggestions

You may be able to have a doctor come in and speak to your group. A marriage counselor might also serve as a guest speaker. Your pastor or an understanding adult might guide you in a question-and-answer period. An older youth might share some Christian insights helpful to Junior Highs. Or you may secure a film or filmstrip in this area (see page 6 of the March 1965 issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD).

Daily Bible Readings

M. June 14	Rebekah Meets Isaac	Genesis 24:62-67
T. June 15	Seven Short Years	Genesis 29:15-20
W. June 16	Rachel the Favored	Genesis 29:21-30
T. June 17	A Deceitful Lover	Judges 16:4-9
F. June 18	An Undeified Love	John 11:5-16
S. June 19	Undying Love	Ephesians 5:21-23
Sun. June 20	Topic: Steady or Not?	I John 3:1-3

Comments by Rev. Chester D. Hirschy, pastor of the Oakdell United Brethren in Christ Church, Dayton, Ohio

Topic 2 in a Unit: Standards for Dating

Are You up to Dating?

Ephesians 5:1-13



Publicity Pointers

Hand out small maps of your area with the time and place of meeting. Place larger maps on the church bulletin boards. Also send a member of your group into the Sunday school classes with written invitations to the meeting. Hand them out to all Junior Highs.

Leader's Introduction

What is more fun to us than dating? Our first reaction is to be funny. We laugh and act as if we don't want dates, but sooner or later we do. Let's be serious for a few minutes and try to find some helps that will guide us in our dating plans.

The fellow or girl who gets the most out of dates is the one who understands and controls his feelings. Dating with real interest can develop into love and affection. God intended for boys and girls to grow into adulthood and plan for happy marriage. Within every boy and girl there are emotions that want to be expressed. If some of these get out of control, we will regret it for our entire life.

Problems of what to do and where to go on dates are not too difficult if the daters are both Christians. No one really enjoys dating like Christians. To sincere believers there is no problem in finding places to go and things to do. In 1 Corinthians 10:31 we read, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Non-Christians who are seeking happiness in places do not know that it is what they *are* that counts.

We will now have reports that will help us plan our dates for a happy date life. We will look at places to go, things to do, and when to do our dating.

Topic Talks by Panel

Have Plans, Will Date

The Bible in Philippians 4:8 relates a guide to us, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things

are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." With this guide as a beginning we need to observe what we can do on our dates. Sometimes we feel like there is just nothing to do.

There are marginal places to go, places that may or may not be suitable for Christians. One sure guide for the Christian couple is to be sure to ask the questions, "Would I feel free to take Jesus there?" "Will anyone stumble if we go to such a place?" Will we grow spiritually if we go to places like that?"

Every date should be an occasion when one person inspires another to live closer to the Lord. We should never forget that He who died for us is inter-

ested in all we do. Then what can young people do? The answer is limited only to a person's imagination. Here are a few starters for suggestions. (*List some of the places in your own area with these as starters.*) First, there are church activities, youth rallies, Bible studies, Christian films, and church socials. There are also many school functions that Christians can attend. There are banquets and Christian parties for year-around planning. There are song fests and picnics. Let's not forget sightseeing tours, boating excursions, county fairs, museums, and special displays. Then there are concerts and musicals. The sports world has unlimited activities: swimming, hiking, fishing, skiing, skating, sledding, golfing, bowling, tennis, and ping-pong. Then all kinds of ball games are for dating, drinking soda pop, and cheering.

For a perfect formal date don't forget the dinner date, beautiful surroundings, soft music, and an enjoyable conversation. This is especially true for a date with others present. Don't overlook just an evening of fun at home. Several young people can gather for Christian records, singing, talking, home games, and a time to get acquainted with your date and parents. This is a *must* in successful dating. Can you list other date places for our age?

Clock Watching

One of the best ways for Christian young people to honor Christ and not get into trouble is to watch the clock. If your parents have a set time for you or your date to be in, then *be in!* If you promise a reasonable time to be home, then be home at that time.

First, this will keep your honor to yourself, your date, and your parents. If your parents can depend upon you for your clock watching, they can trust you in other matters also. Second, this will keep you off some deserted road,

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Christian Endeavor Pledge

Prayer

Hymns: *Since Jesus Came into My Heart; No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus*

Announcements and Offering

Youth Witnesses: Tell of blessings received from the Lord

Hymn: *God's Way My Way*

Panel Discussion

Invite several adults or older youth to serve as a panel. Seat the leaders at a table, and then after a five-minute presentation of the material below have a question-and-answer period. Prepare a large map of your area, placing all the dating places on it. Have adults help locate them in your area. Locate movie houses, Christian youth activity centers, skating rinks, beaches for swim parties, parks, and other areas.

Hymn: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Benediction

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parking with your date. If you never park on a lonely road, Satan cannot tempt you to a sexual life that you will regret. The danger of sexual relationship is not the only reason that you should go on home from your date. You never know who might come and harm the girl and kill both of you. Remember, the life you save may be your own.

In dating, the intelligent fellow or girl never sees how far he or she can go without getting into trouble. An understanding and respect for the strong feelings God has given will be noticed and will not place the date in the area of temptation. Even if we have strong urges to wait just another minute over our date time, read Ephesians 6:1-3, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

Pledging with Purity

The world today often laughs and mocks God's principles of sexual purity. In being up on dating be aware of what the Bible teaches about sex. You may even have heard some young people laugh and boast about sex escapades in which they have engaged. From God's stand, the laws have never changed. It does matter and no such man, woman, or young person has ever escaped the consequences of an unclean life. Don't think for a minute that you can't live a clean life today! The power of God is unlimited. Notice Ephesians 3:20: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Most Junior Highs have never really tested God's power.

In order to help keep us from Satan and keep us under God's power turn again to the Bible. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth and gave them hope. This same hope is given to us today. Let's read I Corinthians 10:13: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." So we see that temptations will come and that we must live with Christ to have victory.

It is very wise to keep chaperons with us at our socials. They can help us have so much fun. Their wonderful plans can help us with sharp games and thrilling dates. More real fun is to be had on

Questions to Answer

1. Will faith in Christ keep youth from sexual sins?
2. Do you think Junior Highs in our area live clean lives and plan to date as clean persons?
3. Should we have dates at church and Christian - Endeavor parties?
4. What will sex life outside of marriage do to youth and to parents?
5. Do you feel that it is important to keep your time agreements on dates?
6. What should be done if somebody commits a sinful act of sex?

dates when the whole gang goes along. Don't feel you must pair off. Don't get wrapped up in a single "date" until you are positive she's "Miss Right." When you do pair off meet the girl's parents and assure them that you are a wonderful fellow. Good parents are interested in their daughter and they want the best for all concerned.

Purity must be a Junior High's pledge. It must and can be made a long time before the temptation comes. Really sex purity means just sexual honesty. It is the preservation of your truest love for the real object of your heart, your loving marriage companion. Impurity, therefore, is the giving of one's body in unlawful sinful union. It is sex between boys and girls before marriage. Outside of marriage impurity is just plain sin. To break God's law means we will be punished.

Sexual experiences outside of marriage can lead to a guilty life and hurt spiritual living for life. Petting may begin with a simple kiss and lead to sex relationships. In the body are drives that unguarded lead to petting in extremes. Deep sexual stimulation is never right (nor smart) in dating. It always leads into further advancements. When a person indulges in petting, perverting takes place without any stops. This perversion never leads to a life of purity, but sin. Remember that close relationships must be retained for marriage.

Trouble Ahead

In Ecclesiastes 11:9,10 and 12:1 is given to us this guide for dating: "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." If we will remember these words as we plan our dating and avoid evil in our youth then our days will not be filled with regret.

To help us in our discussion, let's look at this story. A young Christian girl who was a leader in her church began to date a boy who had no principles. He attended her church but never accepted Christ as his Saviour. After a few weeks of dating they began to pet, and every date led a little farther until they had sex relationships. To their sorrow she became pregnant, and now she is in a home for unwed mothers.

Let's list some ways that this entire scene could have been overcome.

1. She should not have dated a boy with a sinful life.
2. If as a Junior High she would have dated in a group or a gang guided by adults she would not have been trapped.
3. If she would have watched the clock and gone home, the parents could have helped her avoid temptations.
4. Her Christian training should have kept her from even yielding to temptations.

Other Program Guides

If you don't have a panel to guide this group, bring in a happy married couple and have them share their reasons for a happy married life. Let them share some of their activities before they were married. They could help prepare a list of places that young Junior Highs could go to on dates.

Another idea of a program leader could be a social worker brought into the program for a talk on the effects of sinful living on a girl, a boy, and their parents. This worker could give some examples which would help youth realize the dangers of immorality.

Daily Bible Readings

M. June 21	Honor and Riches	Proverbs 11:16-22
T. June 22	Willing to Share	Exodus 35:20-29
W. June 23	In Sickness and in Health	Job 2:7-10
T. June 24	A Devout Woman	I Samuel 1:12-18
F. June 25	A Modest Woman	Esther 1:10-12
S. June 26	Prepared as a Bride	Revelation 21:1-4
Sun. June 27—Topic:	Are You up to Dating?	Ephesians 5:1-13

Comments by Rev. Chester D. Hirschy, pastor of the Oakdell United Brethren in Christ Church, Dayton, Ohio

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Topic 1 in a Unit: Church Loyalty

There's a Spot for You

(Pentecost)

Mark 3:13-19



For the Devotional Committee

Pick a live, vivacious person to lead this topic. If possible choose someone who is active in some of the organizations of the church besides Christian Endeavor. But this is second to having a person who is enthusiastic and can sell the group, if need be, on the idea of having everyone to participate in the total program of the church. Most societies need to be "shook up" on this subject.

For the Leader

Your topic could be the beginning of a new relationship of each member of your society to the joys of the church, the blessings of the church, and the responsibilities of the church. You can make this so real in the way you lead this topic that the outlook of the whole society, and the church as well, will be aroused to the place of young people in the church family.

Each church has its own pattern of participation. If yours is good, see if it can be improved. If it is lacking, study the situation to see where improvements can be started.

First, make an appointment with your pastor to discuss with him the relation of the young people to the church. Tell him in advance what you wish to discuss so that he will have some ideas.

After this talk, take your lead as to whom else should be contacted. These others to be contacted could be assigned to other members of the society, and they could bring the reports. For instance, the person in charge of the daily vacation Bible school may need helpers or even teachers. Bring in a definite list of needs and ask for volunteers. Your pastor will suggest areas of need for you to investigate.

Leader's Talk

After talking with various leaders, it should be easy to arouse enthusiasm over the opportunities you have discovered. Work these into your talks under these headings:

Praise
Prayer
Participation

Praise

Read the Scripture Mark 3:13-19.

(1) Christ chose His disciples because He had need of them. He taught them, but they were also His companions. Develop this thought along the line of praise for our Christian companions.

(2) Praise God for the joy of coming to church (Psalm 122:1,8,9; Isaiah 29:-

19; Psalm 51:12). Are we joyful enough for the privilege we have of coming to church?

(3) Praise the Lord for the inspiration we receive in church (II Timothy 3:14-17; Exodus 20:10,11). Do we come to church prepared for the inspiration that is there for us? It is good to come, but better to come ready for God's message to us.

(4) Praise God for sending the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all equal. Yet in His plan, God has sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in the lives of those who believe that Christ died for their sins (Ephesians 2:18-22, 1:13).

(5) Praise God for Christ who is the Head of the church (Ephesians 2:4-11). The church is not the building; it is the believers (Revelation 22:17; Ephesians 5:23-27; Colossians 1:18).

Prayer

Refer to "Men ought always to pray" from Luke 18:1, and to "Lord, teach us to pray" from Luke 11:1. This latter statement does *not* say, "teach us how to pray." We learn to pray by praying just as we learn to do anything by doing it. Of course, we must learn to do it correctly, in God's will and through the name of Christ, but we learn to pray by praying.

Mention several things for which you should pray in your church. Remember especially the missionaries sent out by the church or supported by the church. Stop right here and have a session of prayer, remembering the various things mentioned for which you should pray.

Participation

Each church is a unit of believers. This makes each church different from all others because of the people who make up the church. Because of this

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Hymns: *The Church's One Foundation*; *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Announcements

Introduction of Topic

Responsive Reading: Psalm 84
(Selection 5 in *Christian Endeavor Songs*)

Leader's Talk

Praise
Prayer
Participation

Reports on Organizations of the Church

Making the Spotlight

Poem: Look up the poem *My Goals*, by Edgar A. Guest

Hymn: *He Leadeth Me*

Benediction

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fact, this part of the topic must be made to fit the situation locally. (Read Acts 17:24-28.)

There are certain things that are needed in all churches as far as participation is concerned. (1) Attendance at the church services is important. All the young people in the congregation should be in church regularly. Attendance at the evening service is especially important. The pastor is always pleased to see the Christian Endeavorers in the evening congregation. Besides it is "a good thing to have been there" for the Christian Endeavorers.

(2) Attendance at the midweek service is important also. During the summer when there are no studies is a good time to make this a regular practice. If interest is high, arrangements might be made to attend even during the school year. Try it!

(3) Regular and faithful attendance at Sunday school is a must. The Sunday school session is the learning period for studying the Bible. The Christian Endeavor hour is a continued time of learning, but it affords also a time of expressing what has been learned. Both are important.

Organizations in the Church

Ask representatives of the different organizations in your church to come to the meeting and tell what the purpose of each is and what they are doing in the work of the church.

Or have different members of the society interview the president of each of these organizations and bring in a report. In this find out what your Christian Endeavor society can do to help. If this is not feasible, at least you will know what they are doing and your interest will be aroused in what others are doing. You will be participating in interest anyway.

Include in these the ruling body of the church, the women's organizations, the choir, the next group older than yours, the Sunday school as a whole, etc. Look in the church bulletin for additional suggestions.

Making the Spotlight

So far this topic has dealt with the generalities of the church and the place of the Christian Endeavor in the church. Now, let us consider a place in the "spot-

light" for your society. Here again this must be "tailor made" to fit your own situation.

What can YOU do to create a "spot"? Can you think of a special event that you could sponsor? Can you add to the total program of the church by doing something that no one else is doing?

When the writer was in the high school Christian Endeavor society in a small church in the Yakima Valley in Washington, someone in the church made the remark that the young people were not doing anything for the church. They resented this, for one of the girls was the secretary of the Sunday school, another played the piano for Sunday school, and several of the older ones were teaching Sunday school classes. Also they had begun the practice of decorating the church elaborately for Christmas each year. They had also made the church attractive on Easter.

They decided they would attempt the biggest thing anyone else had done and do it bigger and better. The big event put on by the ladies was a dinner for the entire church. The youth scheduled this to come between the peach packing season and the beginning of the apple packing season. But alas, peaches were late that year and everyone was still busy in the packing sheds. But the youth were not going to call it off! The writer was the only one not working, and that was because she had gotten peach fuzz poisoning and had to quit. She was staying home taking care of her little sister while her mother took her place in the packing.

The youth had the plans well worked out, and each knew what he or she was to bring and what was to be done on arriving at the church after work. The writer went to the church early in the afternoon taking her small sister with her. Several youth got the tables set and the fire going and a huge kettle of carrots cooking. After work, everyone came, including the young people carrying clean clothes to don at the church. The Lord was surely with them, for everything else seemed against them. It was a good dinner, and the large crowd who came said it was the best dinner anyone had put on.

After the dinner was served, the youth came out of the kitchen to put on a program. No one had done that before. They really put their hearts into it! At the close of the program, the treasurer of the society called the pastor to the platform and gave him the entire proceeds of the dinner.

Not once did the youth ever hear again that the young people could not or would not do anything for the church!

Now what can you do? A dinner may not be practical. Why not organize a church family-fun night? This could be done during the summer and it could be held out-of-doors. Or it could be done at the start of the fall season, and if you have a large fellowship hall, held indoors.

Organize this as a track meet. Divide the group into teams, having not more than ten on a team. Select a captain for each team. Besides a leader to direct the events, it will be necessary to have a scorekeeper for each team, because in the competition it is hard for one person to watch each winner. Have one of your group in charge of pinning the winning ribbons on the captains. It is more fun if each captain receives a ribbon. A blue ribbon denotes first prize, red is for second, white for third, and then other colors which you designate for the lesser winners, with black for last. The awarding of ribbons for each event really keeps up the enthusiasm.

If this is held outdoors, a picnic might precede the games. If held indoors, serve refreshments. Close with a devotional. I Corinthians 9:24-26 and Hebrews 12:1 might be used for a talk on running the Christian race.

If you would like a mimeographed copy of some games for an indoor track meet, send a long envelope, stamped and self-addressed, to Mrs. R. E. LeRiche, 15633 25th S.W., Seattle, Washington 98166, and you will receive a copy promptly. Or you will be able to find suitable games in books in your church library or the public library in your town. Spend some time in choosing those most suitable for your group.

(Take necessary time to make plans for such an event at this time or to refer the matter to the Executive Committee for action. The matter might be discussed in detail at your next society business meeting.)

Daily Bible Readings

M. May 31	Playing around with Religion	Luke 7:18-35
T. June 1	Great Things Come from Small Beginnings	Mark 4:30-32
W. June 2	Recognizing Motives	Luke 15:1-32
T. June 3	Steadfastness	Luke 11:1-13
F. June 4	Losing What We Have	Matthew 25:14-30
S. June 5	Faithful in the Midst of Difficulties	Mark 4:3-25
Sun. June 6	Topic: There's a Spot for You	Mark 3:13-19
(Pentecost)		

Comments by Mrs. R. E. LeRiche, who has served as counselor of many Christian Endeavor societies

Topic 2 in a Unit: Church Loyalty

You Too Can Lead

Philippians 1:1-11

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Song Service: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord; Give of Your Best to the Master; In the Service of the King; Living for Jesus; Trust and Obey; Stand Up for Jesus*

Written Quiz

Announcements and Offering

Special Music

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:1-11

Report on Poll of Adults

Discussion of Poll and Comparison with Written Quiz

Panel Discussion or Buzz Session

Closing Devotions: Two Keys to Leadership

Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Closing Prayer

Aim of Meeting

To challenge teens to aspire to be leaders in Christian Endeavor and in their church, because they love God and have totally surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Publicity

In Sunday school announce your meeting topic and mention that enlightening results of a poll of your church leaders, including your own Sunday school teachers, on leadership will be reported and discussed. A poster might be made with the program title *You Too Can Lead* and a hand with a finger pointing outward, similar to the Uncle Sam recruiting poster which is so well-known.

If you have no artist, perhaps the lettering and the hand might be cut out of a magazine and pasted on a colorful background. Be careful that your background does not take away from your message. Another idea for emphasizing the "you" part of your topic is to paste a mirror to your poster. Don't forget to put the date and place on the poster also.

To the Leader

Since you have accepted the responsibility of this meeting, be sure you set an excellent example of leadership by planning every phase of your meeting completely and well in advance. This will assure you a smoothly running program, filled with useful information for your society.

This could be the most important meeting of your year. Responsibility and leadership are direct results of total commitment to Christ, which in turn is a vital decision needed in each of your young people's lives. Be sure that your closing comments, whether done by a teen or an adult, include a full explanation of the way of salvation and the vital step of committing our will to God's direction. A time for decision along these lines should be allowed at the close of your meeting.



The purpose of the poll of church leaders is to show your teens that leadership is a vital part of your very own church and to emphasize to them that they are needed right now as active participants and as leaders, working constructively for Christ. It is hoped that this poll will also emphasize the need for them to prepare themselves in every respect to take their proper, useful place in the church as they become adults. Take time to let your society discuss the results of the poll and apply the answers to themselves. They may also compare the answers they gave in their written quiz to the replies received in the poll.

The major part of this meeting involves some form of discussion. This has been planned purposely so that each young person might participate and thereby more definitely apply the topic material to his or her own life. Being a leader to any extent is accomplished only when a person "wants to do so," and a person only "wants to do" what he is interested in and knows about.

This is a full meeting. A suggested time schedule, therefore, follows: song service—5 minutes; quiz—5 minutes; announcements, offering and special music—5 minutes; Scripture reading and comments—5 minutes; report on poll and discussion—10 minutes; panel discussion or buzz session—15 minutes; closing devotions—5 minutes. If you feel that the panel discussion or buzz session will take

more than 15 minutes, you might wish to eliminate either the written quiz or the poll of adults.

Written Quiz

The purpose of this quiz is to stimulate the thinking of your young people on the matter of leadership. Give each person a pencil and a blank sheet of paper. Ask all to list as many qualities that make leaders as they can think of, without discussing it with their neighbors. After they have finished, collect the papers (they need not sign them) and have someone tally up the qualities given while you proceed with the program. The results will be used for comparison with the poll of adults to be discussed later in your meeting.

Scripture Reading

The Scripture for this meeting is Philippians 1:1-11. Read the verses, and then briefly make the following application of them to your meeting.

The theme of the entire book of Philippians is Christian experience—not something going on around the believer, but something which he is experiencing within himself. No matter what our outward circumstances may be, our hearts are centered on Christ, and thus our lives are an outpouring of Christ living in us. "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain," said Paul in Philippians 1:21. The verses 1-11 of chapter 1 talk about rejoicing and serving God in suffer-

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ing. If this be our dedication, then we will seek out ways in which we may serve Him. This, in essence, is what leadership involves.

Poll of Adults

This poll is to be taken during the week before your meeting either in person or by phone. Be sure always to be thoughtful of the person's time and to be tactful in the questions you ask each individual person. The answers need not be signed.

The poll might be mimeographed, and the person might fill in his own answers, or it may be done orally with the interviewer filling in the answers. Try to reach a variety of church members, some church leaders such as elders and the pastor, some new Christians, and some officers of the various church organizations. It might be a good idea to include all your high school Sunday school teachers and the general Sunday school superintendent. Also try to reach a balance of age groups (do not, however, note in your report the number answering in each age group)—some of college age, some young parents, some parents of teens, and some of the older members. The following are suggested questions to be asked in your poll:

1. What qualities make a good leader?
2. Which one quality is the most important?
3. Why have you taken a position of leadership?
4. Are qualifications for Christian leaders any different than for non-Christians?
5. How can a teen learn to accept responsibility?
6. What incentive do you need personally to be willing to accept responsibility in a certain area?

Discussion of Poll

A concise report of the results received in the poll should be given, noting the total number polled, the type of people included, and the answers to each question summarized with perhaps a particular mention of any outstanding answer received.

After the report is given, quickly compare the answers received to question 1 "What qualities make a good leader" to the answers given in your own written

quiz earlier in your meeting. This might be done on the chalkboard to help youth comprehend all the suggestions and apply them to their own needs.

Panel Discussion or Buzz Session

The questions to be discussed are listed below. Choose the method here which best suits your own group. If you choose a panel discussion, select a moderator and three or four young people as the panel. Give each panel member a copy of the discussion questions ahead of time so he may be prepared to discuss them.

At the time of the discussion, give each panel member a chance to voice his opinion on each question. At the conclusion of these opinions on one of the questions, ask for open discussion from the entire group. If there is none, proceed to the next question. If there is further discussion, keep track of your time so you will be able to discuss the entire list of questions.

If you choose to use a buzz session, divide those present into small groups of not more than four or five. You may split into seven groups and then give each group one question to discuss. If you wish, divide into fewer groups and give each group not more than two questions to discuss.

The purpose of dividing into small groups is to give each person an equal opportunity to discuss the question. The groups should toss the answers back and forth among themselves, agreeing and disagreeing, "thinking off the top of their heads" as we say, and then as discussion continues, firming up a real opinion and coming to a conclusion agreeable to all or most of those in the group.

After the time limit has elapsed, call your groups back together and receive a report on the answer decided upon by each group to its question.

1. Does willingness to accept responsibility come as a direct result of commitment to Christ?

2. Whenever you are asked to do a job, if you have surrendered your life to Christ, is it proper to say "yes," believing that God has sent this responsibility your way?

3. What answer can you give to God when you fail to do a job you have accepted?

4. What place has friendliness in leadership?

5. What place has concern for others,

their feelings and desires and spiritual condition, to do with leadership?

6. How can leadership in church carry over to secular life?

7. How does Christian Endeavor help us learn to be leaders?

Two Keys to Leadership

The closing devotions are a vital part of this meeting. Use the Scripture read earlier in the meeting, Philippians 1:1-11, and enlarge upon the thoughts of commitment to Christ begun at that time. At the close, invite those who want to make a total commitment to God to do so, silently or by showing their decision by a raised hand, emphasizing this is the beginning step toward fulfilling responsibilities taken for Jesus' sake. The thoughts given here are ideas to be given in your own words and enlarged upon as time and ideas permit.

Everyone has God-given gifts; some may seem large and wonderful in the eyes of humans, some may seem small and insignificant. All may be and must be used in the service of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, if He is our Lord—that is, if we have given Him full control of our life. We will want to spend our time working constructively for Him if we have surrendered to His will.

This brings us to responsibility. A job half done for the Lord does not glorify Him, nor does it help His work. It rather hinders and delays and even discourages some who may be watching us. If one person falls down on his job, that affects all the rest of those working on that particular phase of God's perfect plan, be it a Christian Endeavor meeting, witnessing to an unsaved friend, teaching Sunday school, planning a party, singing in the choir, or making a poster. Philippians 4:13 is a good reminder: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Daily Bible Readings

M. June 7	David, a Humble Leader	I Samuel 18:1-18
T. June 8	Samuel, a Humble Leader	I Samuel 9:1-21
W. June 9	Nathan, a Courageous Leader	II Samuel 12:1-7
T. June 10	Daniel Speaks up for God	Daniel 5:1-22
F. June 11	Two Apostles Stand Fast	Acts 4:18-20
S. June 12	A Deacon Witnesses	Acts 7:51-60
Sun. June 13	Topic: You Too Can Lead Philippians 1:1-11	

Comments by Mrs. Edward Fierce, sponsor with her husband of the High School society of the Grace Presbyterian Church of Peoria, Illinois

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

"But Mom, All the Kids Do It"

Romans 12:1-8



For Publicity

Since this is a two-part topic (*see next week's topic discussion and publicity ideas*), combine both on one poster and announcement. We will be talking about standards, some man-made and some God-given; include in your art work symbols or representations of law codes; the Ten Commandments tablets, a Bible, discipline or rule book of your denomination, law book, high school guide book with rules and regulations, etc. Bring them along to the meeting and display them prominently in the room. Keep the open Bible at the center of your eye focus in the room.

For the Leader

The Scripture lesson for this week's topic is from the so-called Christian Endeavor chapter, Romans 12. As such it may be familiar to many of your Endeavorers. However, it is important that you understand Paul's words as having great importance regarding our attitudes toward "conformity." The key words for both this week's topic and next are "conformed" and "transformed."

It is essential that you start off on the right foot in your own thinking and then get your group to think aright along with you. There are both sacred and secular standards, the one influencing the other. The big difference between the Christian and non-Christian is in one's basic attitude as to why we obey. The world says to obey in order to conform to accepted patterns of behavior and to be acceptable to society. Christ says that the reason why one will want to obey is because he has been transformed, not by himself, but by God. He gives new motives and new standards. Sometimes these standards are similar to codes of ethics de-

vised by men. Many times, however, there are conflicts. It is up to us to prove by our life's actions that God's way is best and that it is the only way to reach spiritual maturity. It is important that Paul's distinction be explained and understood. Only in this way can we formulate proper standards for Christian conduct.

In your opening statements be sure to incorporate the above material. Allow time for questions. Stimulate discussion by asking a few leading questions. Don't let your discussion range too far afield, however, because you will have time later and in next week's topic to treat many of the implications.

Through this Bible study and discussion introduction establish the reason why the excuse "But Mom, all the kids do it!" is inadequate for the Christian

young person. As stated previously, Christian motivation goes deeper than mere conformity. As also pointed out, however, problems arise when we try to decide where Christian conduct and group pressure produce the same action and where they ought to produce different conduct in the Christian's life. For example, "everybody's" going to the baseball game and, under normal circumstances, no Christian would deny his fellow the fun of watching a good ball game. On the other hand, "everybody's" cheating to get good marks in school, the kind that will get you into college. Such flagrant dishonesty must be considered contrary to Christian ethics.

Our two examples are obvious ones. Let's talk about an area where the answers are not so obvious: dating practices. Here there can be wide disagreement between teen-ager and parent. What mom and dad did or did not do twenty years ago seems hardly to be the normal thing to do today, according to most teen-agers. Our object in the second part of the topic treatment will be to determine standards of conduct, especially in dating. Our basic question should not be: can we accept twenty year-old standards?, or can we follow the crowd; but in the light of Paul's words concerning conformity and transformation, how can we decide what God expects us to do?

To move from the first to the second part of our treatment it will be necessary for you to wrap up the presentation and discussion with a clear, brief statement. You can do this by including a rereading of Romans 12:1, 2 from a modern English translation.

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Call to Worship: Romans 12:1
(Use the J. B. Phillips translation or the New English Bible version, if available.)

Hymns: *How Firm a Foundation*;
More Like the Master

Scripture Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

Announcements and Offering

Hymn: *Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart*

Sentence Prayers

Leader's Introduction of the Topic:
Bible Study

Group Research on Dating Standards

Closing Prayer

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Now you are ready to treat specific problem areas of Christian conduct in dating. There are a number of ways that this can be handled. First, you can read the rest of the material on this topic and decide to present these themes as a lecture. Second, you may decide to distribute each of the following questions to three of your young people. They will then be responsible for researching the questions, asking others for suggestions and comments, and presenting their own findings and opinions to the group. If you do this be sure to distribute the material in plenty of time. Give your participants at least a week's time. It will probably also be necessary for each of them to understand just what you want; perhaps they could read with you the introductory Bible discussion presented here. Following each presentation the group should then be free to criticize, constructively of course, and to comment upon the problem in the light of their understanding of Paul's idea of the transformed Christian life. A third possible method of presentation involves buzz groups handling these three questions on dating. In this method your society should be divided into three equal groups, each group having its own leader and secretary. Each group goes off on its own to discuss the issue and then returns for reassembly to share their findings with the group.

As group leader it will be your responsibility to tie up the loose ends and summarize the main points made during the discussion. Remember, especially if you plan to use the buzz group idea, that some of the thoughts presented will be good, some bad, and some indifferent. It's your job to help the group decide which are worthwhile and which should just as soon be forgotten. Conclude with a reminder that this theme will be continued in next week's meeting. Check with the next leader to find out what kind of program he is planning and emphasize any special feature.

For Discussion

(Clip or copy each of these considerations for distribution to your researchers or to your buzz group leaders, depending on which type of topic treatment you decide to follow.)

1. *Why do we date?* At first this may seem to be a foolish question. But on second thought we ought to consider our real reasons for dating. Consider the fact that it has been only a relatively short time in the history of humanity that we have developed such an elaborate system

Where Shall I Begin?

Every youth, when faced with presenting a topic, usually first wrestles with the problem of where to begin. *Begin with prayer.* Pray God will guide you as you prepare your talk, select your participants, list your questions, and search for Scripture that will aid everyone participating. *Next*, be sure your topic has *Bible background.* The young people attending your society have come to the church seeking help to life's problems. Give them what they came for—a topic based on the Bible! If you as the leader see that the Bible is the first and final authority throughout the entire topic, the members of your society will go home from the meeting with food for their spiritual appetites. *Finally*, be sure your topic has a *purpose.* Remember that each member will have to make up his own mind about the material presented. *So be sure that material is presented which will help youth come to Christian conclusions for their lives.*

of dating with our own set of rules and procedures. Consider some of the courtships mentioned in the Bible. We are all familiar with the story of Rebekah and how she was picked by one of Isaac's servants in a far-off city to be his bride before the prospective groom Isaac had ever seen her. (See Genesis 24 for further details.) Or what about Mary and Joseph? Certainly their dating customs of first-century Palestine differed widely from ours. We've heard, too, of brides being selected for princes and kings for political advantage.

Though these history lessons may seem to be remote, they point up the need to determine just why we date. An energetic researcher could find plenty of help from Bible dictionaries, etc. to give an informative account of dating practices in the past and how they influence present practices.

Do you date just to have a good time? To what extent does dating influence your social development, your getting along with and learning to appreciate the wishes and needs of others? Should all dating have marriage as its end view? How do the answers to these questions affect standards of dating conduct?

2. *Whom shall I date?* Again the question may seem silly. The answer may

seem to be anyone I can get to go with me. But the answer may not be as simple as that. Just a generation or two ago the sphere of one's acquaintances was often limited. When a senior high school class sometimes numbered 25 or less, possibilities were limited. Though there were exceptions in those days the exception has become the rule today. Most of us, because of larger schools, greater population and increased travel facilities, have occasion to meet many people. Some of these people come from different backgrounds, nationalities, social statuses, etc.

What influence, if any, should these factors have on the selection of a date? What about different religious faiths? There are implications and hidden problems which often arise from so-called mixed marriages (i.e. marriages in which husband and wife are members of widely differing religious groups). Your pastor will be able to steer you to some good books and pamphlets which discuss these problems at length. He will also be able to answer any questions regarding these matters.

3. *What do you do on a date?* What activities are suitable and advantageous for the Christian couple? As a side issue your group may wish to discuss the problem of conflicting interests between the couple. Sometimes these conflicts of interest are brought about by different ideas concerning proper Christian conduct.

What should one do about non-Christian friends who don't want to do what you want to do? How do legitimate differences in interest affect your dating and a possible marriage relationship? Not everyone likes football, nor does everyone enjoy a symphony concert. Is the sharing of common interests important in dating? If so, to what extent? After all, we can't expect any two people to share all the same interests.

NOTE: Many of these questions are designed to stimulate thought. Select them and revise them in whatever way will prove most helpful to the enlivening of interest and the provocation of thought.

Daily Bible Readings

M. June 14	Caleb Was Courageous	Joshua 14:1-12
T. June 15	Jonathan Trusts God	I Samuel 14:1-6
W. June 16	Titus Exhorted to Be an Example	Titus 2:1-7
T. June 17	God Warns against Conformity	Deuteronomy 18:1-9
F. June 18	Ezekiel Warns against Conformity	Ezekiel 20:1-18
S. June 19	Joshua Calls for a Choice	Joshua 24:1-15
Sun. June 20—Topic:	"But Mom, All the Kids Do It"	Romans 12:1-8

Comments by Rev. Harold P. Scanlin, pastor of the Ebenezer Evangelical Congregational Church, Brownstown, Pennsylvania

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Hymn: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

Prayer in Unison: The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:1-14

Prayer: Led by the leader (or one of the special guests: see below)

Announcements and Offering

Special Music: The Christian Endeavor pledge speaks about 100% participation, apart from general singing. This is one way to share your talent.

Introduction of the theme *Dating Data* by the leader and a summary of last week's conclusions

Symposium on Dating

Report of Listening Groups

Introspection Time: Developing a Personal Dating Code (if time permits)

Hymn: *Take My Life, and Let it Be*

Closing Prayer or Silent Meditation for Personal Dedication

Topic 2 in a Unit:
Standards of Dating

Dating Data

Romans 8:1-14



For Publicity

See last week's publicity section for ideas. If these topics are treated separately (not recommended) incorporate in your poster only such information as is directly related to this one topic. If you are able to secure panel members for a symposium include their names on any poster and mention them in your verbal announcements in Sunday school and elsewhere.

Since you may be inviting someone to speak to your group from another church, this may be a good occasion for inviting his entire group to share in your discussion. You may also be able to put into practice some of your ideas regarding social development. Always be sure to include all pertinent information, date, time and place in your announcements.

For the Leader

The Suggested Program includes a symposium and listening groups. A word of explanation about each of them would be in order. A symposium features brief (five- to ten-minute) talks by four or five individuals. A symposium allows your group to get varying approaches to the same question and different ideas

on related themes, often getting expert opinions from carefully selected personnel. Below you will find a list of themes and recommended persons to treat these themes, all related to the development of a dating code.

Listening teams are small groups of four or five members of the society; each group is to listen to the members of the symposium with a special question in mind. The team meets after the symposium to formulate a conclusion and report, through a spokesman, to the whole group. Teams should be determined before the service begins and prepared with paper and pencil for taking notes.

For the Symposium

1. *What a Pastor Thinks Concerning Christian Dating Standards.* Recommended speaker is your own pastor or a neighboring pastor, or your director of Christian education. Tell him that you do not primarily want a Biblical exposition. This aspect has been treated in last week's topic. Certainly he can and probably will want to make some comments on the Scriptures. But the primary end of this week's discussion is practical, not theoretical.

2. *What a High School Teacher Expects of Older Teens Regarding the Relation of Dating to Academic Work.* You will want to try to get a high school teacher from your church for this assignment. He will want to know, too, that your primary objective is practical. If he is candid he will be able to give you many insights regarding yourselves and your dating habits and point out how they affect your school work.

3. *A Parent Looks at Dating Standards.* If possible, choose an articulate parent of high school young people from a neighboring church. You will avoid any possible personal references. You will get a freer response from the parent too. For the parent's view you will have no trouble getting lots of practical suggestions. You will want to see his part in the symposium as especially important, because as a well-informed outsider he will provide insights into parental attitudes and feelings which you probably never thought about in relation to your own parents.

4. *A Young Person's Response to Standards of Conduct Set for Him.* Again, unless you have a particularly talented person in your group who could avoid personal references yet cover the subject adequately, get someone from outside your group, perhaps the president or a leader of a neighboring Christian Endeavor society.

Ask each member of the panel at least two weeks in advance to allow him plenty of time for preparation. Explain what viewpoint you want each to express. If you contact your symposium members in plenty of time, you probably will not yet have had the advantage of the June 20 topic treatment. Consult that leader and ask him to brief you on the type of material he expects to cover. Then be sure to tell your panelists what groundwork you expect to cover in the previous week.

Also tell them that listening teams will be looking for suggestions regarding personal dating standards. It will not be

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necessary for the members to touch on every listening team theme mentioned below, but they may wish to incorporate some ideas along these lines.

For Listening Teams

1. *Places to Go and Things to Do.* As a "transformed" personality, what activities will be of benefit to me and my date in our Christian maturing? Should we date in groups or go on solo dates?

2. *How Often Should I Date?* Obviously the answer to this question depends a great deal on how far along the road to courtship, engagement, and marriage you are. But in general, are there any guidelines I can set down for myself? How does my dating affect school work and other activities? Should I set up a list of activities that consume my time and see if I am giving the right amount of time to the right things?

3. *What's the Right Age?* This age-old question has a stock answer which is true enough: it all depends on the maturity of the individual. Granting this as a general answer, what about you, personally? How can you tell when you're ready to go steady? Just what does going steady mean to you?

4. *What Degree of Intimacy Is Wholesome and Permissible in Dating?* In an era of collapsing morals when the pressure to conform is great, maturing young Christians must face this question honestly and openly. Do I have different standards for casual dates and a steady friend whom I am considering as my life partner?

Announce to the groups that they are to be more than note takers. They are to jot down areas of agreement and disagreement. They are to add their own thoughts, not necessarily based on any specific statement of the speakers.

After the listening teams have discussed matters among themselves, they can report back by sharing their conclusions with the group or by asking for points of clarification from any of the panel members. If you have enough time this reporting back and question and answer period will be very beneficial.

Introduction of the Topic

You, as leader, are responsible for carrying on the ideas generated in last week's topic discussion. Make careful note of important conclusions reached in the Bible study. Catch the attention of the group by repeating some outstanding or memorable moment from the previous week. Perhaps it was a humorous state-

ment; it may have been a profound observation which impressed everyone. This will refresh everyone's memory and get all ready for this week's theme.

Remember that we have learned that God, in Christ, gives us a new motivation in life by transforming us by His power. We therefore live according to the love of Christ. This is the basis for all our moral actions and standards. Yet, by saying that we live in love and not under the law, this does not mean that Christians are a lawless bunch. On the contrary, we are now prepared to formulate guidelines which will be helpful in carrying out our Christian faith in action.

God does not leave us floundering around in a sea of doubt, but He lets us know His will in many ways. By sharing the formulation of standards, grounded in the will of God and the love of Christ, we add strength to our own convictions. By doing this we create an atmosphere of mutual Christian growth. This is the reason why we set living standards for ourselves. This is why our topic tonight is to assist us, as young people, to develop a personal dating code that is wholly in line with Paul's explanation of the Christian life as expressed in Romans 12.

Following this brief introductory statement you will be ready to introduce the symposium, organize your listening teams, and proceed with your program as outlined at the beginning of this article.

Introspection Time

If at all possible, devote at least a portion of your program time for a quiet period in which each individual has a chance to work out prayerfully his own dating code. This topic will mean little unless it has caused each member of your society to consider the personal basis for his Christian conduct.

Get large filing cards or half sheets of typing paper (so it will be small enough to be carried in a Bible or pocketbook). Have each person write or, preferably, type the following headings on each card:

MY PERSONAL CHRISTIAN DATING CODE

Basis: "Not the world's squeeze but God's mould" (J. B. Phillips translation of Romans 12:2)

1. Why do I date? (*Allow sufficient space after this and all headings so that personal notes can be inserted.*)
2. Dos and don'ts on my dates
3. How do I select my dates?
4. How should I conduct myself? How do I consider the rights of my date?
5. How often should I date?

These headings are only suggestions. Vary them as you wish, but somehow clinch these two weeks of discussion by making *Dating Data* a matter of personal Christian conduct.

More than Conquerors

Many things must die, that other things may live. The lower must decrease, that the higher may increase. Ground that is rank with sunflowers will not bear roses. Souls that are absorbed in the carnal will never exult in the spiritual.

The denial of eternal life is never apparent denial; it is the engrossing acceptance of something else.

Of something else, whatever it may be, evil, or only lesser good. It may be some passion of the pit, it may be some selfish exalted study—though lust is near to hell and good books are near to heaven, they equally keep one from God if they are chosen in place of Him.

Our lives are like stairways to heaven, and some stop on the lowest steps, and some are proud that they stop on the highest, but there is only misery for those that stop at all.

God knows this. Therefore He bids us mortify—put to death—our lower nature, crucify the flesh, keep the body under, wrestle with and throttle, as in a life-and-death struggle, whatever prevents our full surrender to Him.

This mortification of our lower nature, this putting it to death, is the sinner's bold assault of temptation, without waiting for it to assail him.

All this is easy to say, but oh, so hard to do! You cannot do it. Christ alone can do it, in you. Only through the power of the cross can you crucify the flesh. Only through the nail-pierced hands and feet can you mortify your members. Only by grace of Him who rose on high can you keep the body under.

—From *Help for the Tempted*
by Amos R. Wells

Daily Bible Readings

M. June 21	Developing Stability	James 1:1-8
T. June 22	Looks Don't Always Count	James 2:1-13
W. June 23	Nothing but Words	James 2:14-26
T. June 24	Something to Think About	James 3:2-12
F. June 25	A Common Ailment	James 4:1-6
S. June 26	In Conclusion	James 5
Sun. June 27—Topic: Dating Data		Romans 8:1-14

Comments by Rev. Harold P. Scanlin, pastor of the Ebenezer Evangelical Congregational Church, Brownstown, Pennsylvania

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from the new CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Price: 60c each, \$6 per dozen, \$48 per hundred.

Topic Summaries for June

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

The Adult Work Committee which prepared these summaries included Timothy J. Kribs, chairman; Rev. R. P. Carter, Wanna Sell, and Mrs. Roger D. Vander Kolk.

Visitation Evangelism (two topics)

1. House to House

Luke 10:1-24; Acts 20:17-21

The Church of Jesus Christ will only be as strong as the witness of its members. Mass evangelism is of value but we must also go where the people are. This is not a new idea; Jesus used a personal approach. All through the Gospel records men and women were won through personal contacts. Jesus himself personally called the twelve. When Jesus sent out the seventy, he sent them out two by two to witness in the homes of a community. They returned "with joy" over the results of their visitation. The early Church, following Pentecost, used this method of witnessing. The first Christians went "from house to house" telling what Christ meant in their lives. Ever since, whenever the Church has been dynamic and effective in its outreach, there has been a vital emphasis upon visitation evangelism. Discuss the reasons for witnessing.

2. Operation Doorbell!

Luke 14:21-24

Some societies and churches are well satisfied to keep just their own "little clique." But, the commandment is "go ye." While we all cannot enter another country to spread the Gospel the command is to reap the ripened fields at our very door. Churches that have provided for a directed visitation program have found this a very beneficial project. If possible, secure a speaker or church worker who has successfully carried through a visitation program and permit him to set up a visitation program for your area or in a new unchurched area. List several qualifications that are necessary to effectively ring doorbells for the church. What should determine the length of the call or visit? What if the visited party wants to provoke an argument? Should church problems ever be discussed? What should the caller do if the family is enjoying its favorite radio or TV program? What response should

be given to the newcomer when he does attend the church?

Leadership Education (two topics)

1. What's Reasonable Service?

1 Chronicles 29:1-5; Romans 12:1; Luke 10:29-37

Mrs. O'Brien decided to take a practical nursing course. Her family was in school and she, with her husband's consent, had taken all the tests which would permit her entrance into the nursing course. Her test scores were, by comparison with others, high. She retained only the responsibility of teaching her Sunday school class because she felt she could not spread her talents in too many areas. In a sense the church suffered the loss of her leadership contributions. Should Mrs. O'Brien be commended for her choice? Has she neglected the church? Will the development of other talents increase her area of service? Does a Christian need to choose where he will serve? Does a Christian have a responsibility to elect to serve outside of the church program, possibly at the expense of that program?

2. Practical Experiences

II Timothy 1:5-11; Psalm 96:1-10

Our society is very group conscious. Novelists treat this consciousness critically. Advertisers use this awareness to captivate users of products. One characteristic of a leader is his ability to share this talent which he has with others in a practical way. In many ways the Christian Endeavor society lends itself so well to becoming a laboratory for Christian living in the broadest sense. Because we are so group conscious there are many group activities which contribute to learning and training experiences which will enhance the leadership abilities of individuals. If an honest look can be taken at the members of the group, it becomes obvious that many of the experiences wouldn't have been ventured into alone. What are some leadership experiences the group can provide for the individual members? Is our society lacking in some quality? Can plans be made to erase this liability by planning practical experiences?

FELLOWSHIP AT ITS BEST

"Stir us out of our shallow self-satisfaction . . . Inspire us with the noble examples of those who have gone before us. Encourage us with the comradeship of those who walk beside us. May we feel our fellowship."

The quotation is from a prayer following a Dr. Ralph Sockman radio sermon.

Let us look to the human sources, within the life of a church, for stirring, inspiring, and encouraging the adult Christian. The messages from the pulpit will be important in this invigoration of individual Christian lives. The printed page, including your home church's periodical or bulletin, can include specific instances of the examples, the comradeship, that our quotation mentions.

But within the church's body of lay members, adults have both privilege and duty of spreading the good news of *faith in action*. At Christian Endeavor devotional meetings, for example, we can draw on the congregation's history and on memories to tell the stories of God's loyal servants at work in our community in past years. In the spirit of such meetings, we need not hesitate about revealing the spiritual strength on which we draw in our personal Christian witness.

Let there be no false modesty! We owe Christ and our fellows not only the confession of faults but the proclamation of problems solved in prayer and of words given us when we sought to win a friend to His Kingdom.

Our wonderful fellowship with our Saviour and His friends about us must not be voiceless. Witness your joy!

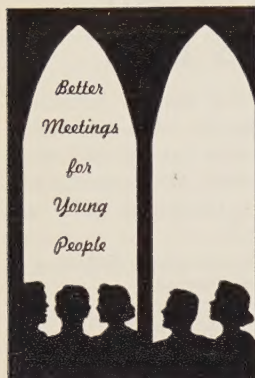
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A FREE RESOURCE

Bibliography for Adult and Young Adult Societies. Lists available resources under these headings: Adults in the Church, Bible, Church History, Citizenship, Evangelism, Family, Labor, Prayer, Programs, Projects, Science, Sex and Marriage, Stewardship, and Theology. Available without charge from the International Society.

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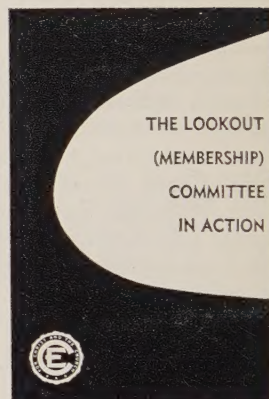


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